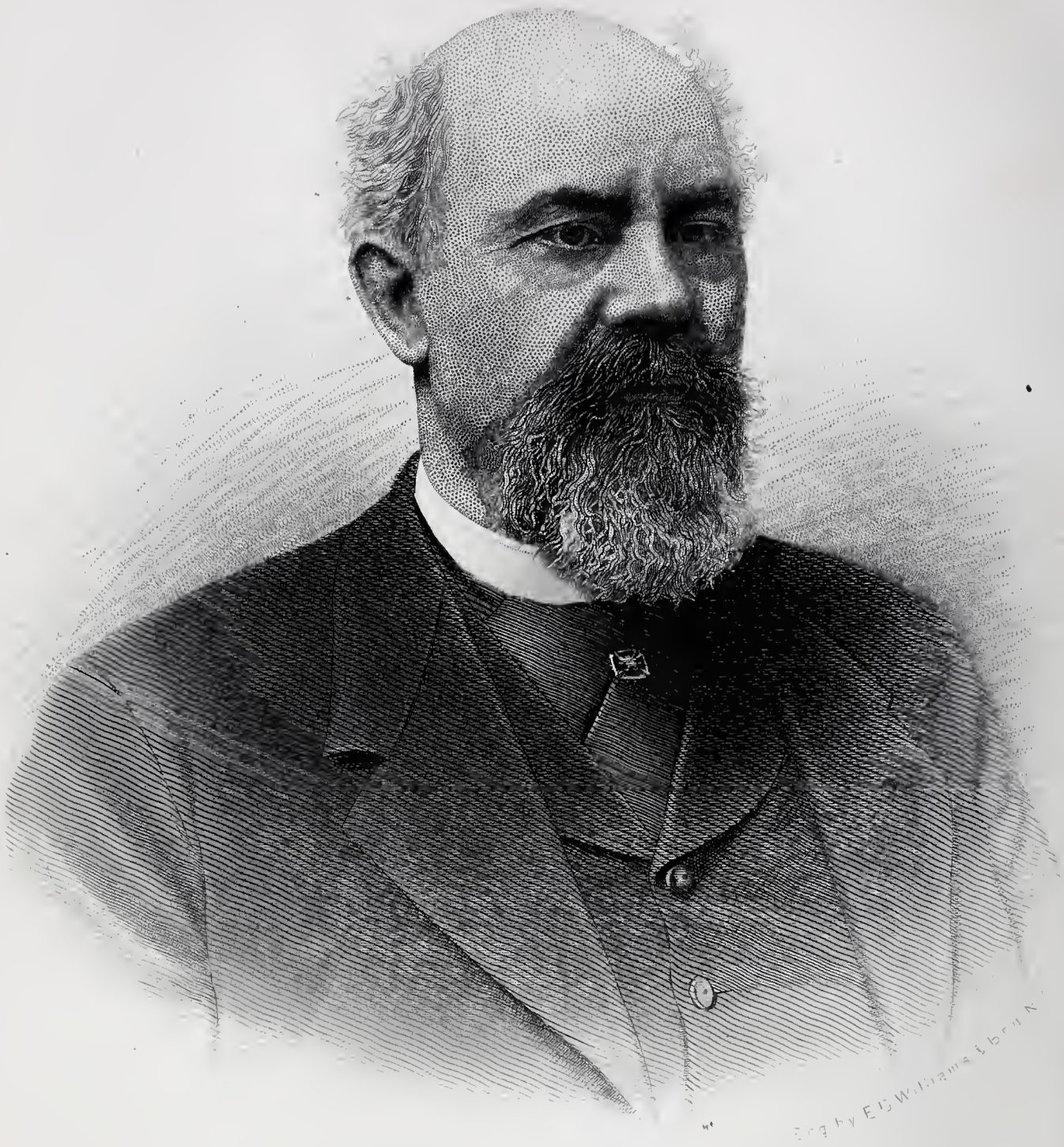

Courteously Yours

W T Walker

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

GRAND COMMANDERY

Knights Templars of Ohio,

AT ITS

FORTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL CONCLAVE,

HELD AT

Dayton, Ohio, August 14 and 15, A. D. 1889, A. O. 771.

SIR HENRY PERKINS, Akron, - - - - RT. EM. GRAND COMMANDER.
SIR JOHN N. BELL, Dayton, - - - - EM. GRAND RECORDER.
SIR ENOCH T. CARSON, Cincinnati, - - - CHAIRMAN COM. FOR. COR.

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MEMORANDA.

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OF THE

GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLARS

AND APPENDANT ORDERS,

OF THE STATE OF OHIO.

First Day—Morning Session.

DAYTON, OHIO,
WEDNESDAY, Aug. 14, A. D. 1889, A. O. 771.

The Grand Commandery of Knights Templars, and appendant Orders, of the State of Ohio, convened in its forty-seventh annual conclave at 10 o'clock A. M., in the asylum of Reed Commandery, No. 6, in Masonic Temple, having been courteously escorted from the Beckel House to the Temple by Reed Commandery, and proceeded to open a Commandery of Knights Templars.

GRAND OFFICERS PRESENT.

SIR WILLIAM T. WALKER.....Rt. Em. Grand Commander.
SIR HENRY PERKINS.....V. Em. Dep. Grand Commander.
SIR WILLIAM B. MELISH.....Em. Grand Generalissimo.
SIR HUNTINGTON BROWN. .....Em. Grand Captain General.
SIR LA FAYETTE VAN CLEVE.....Em. Grand Prelate.
SIR MARTIN J. HOUCK.....Em. Grand Senior Warden.
SIR C. M. KEYES..... *as* Em. Grand Junior Warden.
SIR J. BURTON PARSONS.....Em. Grand Treasurer.
SIR JOHN N. BELL.....Em. Grand Recorder.
SIR WILLIAM M. MEEK..... .....Em. Grand Standard Bearer.
SIR R. P. MARVIN, JR..... .....*as* Em. Grand Sword Bearer.
SIR WILLIAM S. HUFFORD.....Em. Grand Warder.
SIR JACOB RANDALL..... .....Em. Grand Captain of the Guard.

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OPENING.

The Rt. Em. Grand Commander announced the appointment of the following Sir Knights as a standing Committee on Credentials, viz: Sir Knights John N. Bell, W. T. Robbins, Jacob H. Bromwell, Samuel Harford, and Wm. H. Ross.

Sir Knight John N. Bell, from the Committee on Credentials, having reported a constitutional number of members of the Grand Commandery present, the Right Eminent Grand Commander, Sir Knight William T. Walker, with the assistance of the Grand Officers and Representatives present, then proceeded to open the Grand Commandery Knights Templars of Ohio in *ample form.*

The Sir Knights were led in their devotions by Em. Sir La Fayette Van Cleve, Grand Prelate, and after a solemn invocation of the Divine blessing upon the labors of the Conclave, the Right Eminent Grand Commander declared the Grand Commandery duly opened in *ample form* for the transaction of business.

COSTUME.

Sir Knight Willliam B. Melish moved that the rule requiring the wearing of full Templar costume during the sessions of the Grand Commandery be suspended for the remainder of this Conclave, which was unanimously agreed to.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

Sir Knight John N. Bell, from the standing Committee on Credentials, read and submitted the following report, which was, on motion, received and adopted:

To the Right Eminent Grand Commander, Officers and Sir Knights of the Grand Commandery Knights Templars of Ohio:

Your Committee on Credentials courteously report the following officers and members of the Grand Commandery present, and entitled to seats and votes at the present conclave:

GRAND OFFICERS.

Sir William T. Walker.....Rt. Em. Grand Commander.
Sir Henry Perkins.....V. Em. Dep. Grand Commander.
Sir William B. Melish.....Em. Grand Generalissimo.
Sir Huntington Brown.....Em. Grand Captain General.
Sir La Fayette Van Cleve.....Em. Grand Prelate.

Sir Martin J. Houck.....Em. Grand Senior Warden.
Sir C. M. Keyes..... *as* Em. Grand Junior Warden.
Sir J. Burton Parsons.....Em. Grand Treasurer.
Sir John N Bell.....Em. Grand Recorder.
Sir William M. Meek .....Em. Grand Standard Bearer.
Sir R. P. Marvin, Jr. .....*as* Em. Grand Sword Bearer.
Sir William S. Hufford.....Em. Grand Warder.
Sir Jacob Randall .....Em. Grand Captain of the Guard.

PAST GRAND OFFICERS.

Past Grand Commanders.—Sir Knights Enoch T. Carson, Chas. C. Keifer, Brenton D. Babcock, J. Kelly O'Neall, Henry H. Tatem, Alex. F. Vance, Jr., Eli Fasold, La Fayette Lyttle.

Past Grand Generalissimos.—Sir Knights John W. Lewis, Orestes A. B. Senter, David N. Kinsman, proxy for Joseph M. Stuart.

Past Grand Captains General.—Sir Knight Huntington Brown, proxy for David Atwater.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

Sir Knight John W. Lewis.....Alabama.
Sir Knight Chas. C. Keifer.....California.
Sir Knight Brenton D. Babcock .....Connecticut.
Sir Knight S. Stacker Williams.....Dakota.
Sir Knight Gabriel B. Harman.....Illinois.
Sir Knight Martin J. Houck.....Indiana.
Sir Knight Robt. V. Hampson.....Kansas.
Sir Knight Jacob H. Bromwell .....Kentucky.
Sir Knight Enoch T. Carson.....Louisiana.
Sir Knight Robt. Gwynn.....Maryland.
Sir Knight Wm. L. Buechner.....Mississippi.
Sir Knight Eli Fasold.....Nebraska.
Sir Knight Alex. F. Vance, Jr.....New Hampshire.
Sir Knight Leander Burdick.....New Jersey.
Sir Knight La Fayette Lyttle .....New York.
Sir Knight Henry H. Tatem.....Tennessee.
Sir Knight S. Stacker Williams.....Texas.
Sir Knight Wm. M. Meek.....Wisconsin.
Sir Knight Wm. F. Baldwin.....Wyoming.

PAST EMINENT COMMANDERS.

No. 1.—Sir Knights Jno. P. McCune, O. A. B. Senter.

No. 2.—Sir Knight Jno. W. Lewis.

No. 3.—Sir Knights Jacob H. Bromwell, E. T. Carson, Wm. A. Eudaly, S. P. Sands, H. H. Tatem, W. P. Wiltsee.

No. 5.—Sir Knight Wm. F. Baldwin.

No. 6.—Sir Knights John N. Bell, Wm. L. Bates, Chas. W. Chamberlain, B. N. Davis, Eli Fasold, M. J. Houck, G. B. Harman, Wm. H. Hyers, Chas. C. Keifer, G. J. Roberts.

No. 7.—Sir Knights Leander Burdick, L. F. Lyttle, Wm. T. Walker.
No. 9.—Sir Knights Charles Martin, C. C. Park.
No. 12.—Sir Knight B. D. Babcock.
No. 13.—Sir Knight John A. Warner.
No. 17.—Sir Knight N. H. Albaugh.
No. 19.—Sir Knights Chas. T. Jamieson, A. F. Vance, Jr.
No. 20.—Sir Knight Wm. L. Buechner.
No. 21.—Sir Knights Huntington Brown, Manuel May.
No. 22.—Sir Knights W. S. Hufford, J. Kelly O'Neall.
No. 23.—Sir Knight L. M. Lea.
No. 25.—Sir Knights R. P. Marvin, Jr., H. Perkins, Chas. E. Sheldon.
No. 30.—Sir Knight Joseph Ralston.
No. 31.—Sir Knight Wm. M. Meek.
No. 32.—Sir Knight H. W. Hubbard.
No. 33.—Sir Knights Edward Harford, S. J. Lafferty, Harvey Vinal.
No. 34.—Sir Knights Wm. M. Cunningham, S. Stacker Williams, D. C. Winegarner.
No. 44.—Sir Knights Wm. R. Avery, Robt. Gwynn, Wm. B. Melish.
No. 46.—Sir Knight Jos. A. Stipp.

REPRESENTATIVES.

Mt. Vernon, No. 1...Sirs Wm. H. Darrah, E. C., and proxy for C. G.; Geo. L. Hamerick, G.
Lancaster, No. 2.....Sir J, W. Lewis, proxy for E. C. and C. G.
Cincinnati, No. 3....Sirs Herbert T. Kent, E. C.; S. G. Sullivan, G.; Jas. Pettibone, C. G.
Massillon, No. 4.....Sir Z. T. Baltzly, E. C., and proxy for G. and C. G.
Clinton, No. 5.....Sirs Wm. M. Koons, E. C.; W. F. Baldwin, proxy for G. and C. G.
Reed, No. 6.....Sirs W. B. Anderson, E. C.; Val Schaeffer, G.; Wm. H. Bussard, C. G.
Toledo, No. 7.....Sir C. E. Armstrong, E. C., and proxy for G. and C. G.
Chillicothe, No. 8...Sir I. H. McCormick, E. C., and proxy for G. and C. G.
De Molay, No. 9.....Sirs Chas. E. Davis, E. C., and proxy for C. G.; A. Cunningham, proxy for G.
Steubenville, No. 11.Sirs Henry M. Priest, E. C.; W. L. Bender, proxy for G.; Edward Nicholson, proxy for C. G.
Oriental, No. 12.....Sirs Wm. T. Robbins, E. C.; Alex. Smith, proxy for G.; J. W. Vanderwerf, C. G.
Calvary, No. 13.....Sir Samuel M. Johnson, E. C., and proxy for G. and C. G.
Shawnee, No. 14.....Sirs E. H. Johns, E. C.; G. W. Van Rensselear, C. G.
Athens, No. 15.....Sir Jos. L. Pickering, E. C.
Hanselmann, No. 16.Sir Oliver L. Perin, E. C., and proxy for G.
Coleman, No. 17.....Sir John S. Patterson, E. C.

NORWALK, No. 18.....Sir C. L. Kennan, E. C., and proxy for G. and C. G.

RAPER, No. 19.....Sir E. Hagenbuch, E. C., and proxy for G. and C. G.

ST. JOHNS, No. 20.....Sir J. H. Thompson, E. C., and proxy for G. and C. G.

MANSFIELD, No. 21....Sirs H. M. Alvord, E. C.; H. Brown, proxy for G. and C. G.

MIAMI, No. 22.....F. M. Cunningham, E. C., and proxy for G. and C. G.

ERIE, No. 23.....Sir C. M. Keyes, E. C., and proxy for G. and C. G.

OHIO VALLEY, No. 24.Sir W. A. Race, E. C., and proxy for G. and C. G.

AKRON, No. 25.....Sirs Arthur Latham, E. C.; W. C. Jacobs, proxy for G.; Jno. Hutton, proxy for C. G.

HOPE, No. 26.....Sir J. B. Ryan, E. C.

CACHE, No. 27.. .....Sir C. H. Simonds, E. C., and proxy for G. and C. G.

GARFIELD, No. 28.....Not represented.

EAGLE, No. 29.....Sirs Wm. A. Coleman, E. C.; C. W. Osborne, G.

DEFIANCE, No. 30.....Sir L. E. Beardsley, E. C., and proxy for G. and C. G.

HIGHLAND, No. 31....Sir R. T. Trimble, E. C.

HOLYROOD, No. 32....Sir J. H. Peck, C. G., and proxy for E. C. and G.

PALESTINE, No. 33....Sir Samuel Harford, E. C., and proxy for C. G.

ST. LUKES, No. 34....Sirs Wm. W. Neal, E. C., and proxy for G.; C. F. Burner, proxy for C. G.

SCIOTO, No. 35.....Sir A. R. Bolin, G., and proxy for E. C.

MARION, No. 36 .....Sir Geo. S. McGuire, G., and proxy for E. C. and C. G.

WILMINGTON, No. 37..Sir C. R. Fisher, E. C., and proxy for G. and C. G.

CANTON, No. 38. .....Sir P. H. Barr, E. C., and proxy for G. and C. G.

WARREN, No. 39.....Sir Jno. Koehler, G., and proxy for E. C.

FOREST CITY, No. 40..Sir Frank Wright, G., and proxy for E. C. and C. G.

HAMILTON, No. 41....Sirs Thos. Dowrey, E. C.; Wm. H. Harr, G.; H. H. Long, C. G.

SALEM, No. 42.....Sir R. V. Hampson, E. C., and proxy for G. and C. G.

THE ROSE, No. 43.....Sir Horace R. Bradbury, E. C., and proxy for G. and C. G.

TRINITY, No. 44.....Sirs Joseph Kirkup, E. C., and proxy for G.; D. D. Bramble, C. G.

IRONTON, No. 45.....Sirs B. F. Ellsberry, E. C.; E. J. Bird, Jr., G.

SIDNEY, No. 46.....Sirs Robert Sutton, E. C.; Wm. T. McLean, proxy for G.; E. E. Nutt, C. G.

CAMBRIDGE, No. 47...Sirs W. S. Campbell, G., and proxy for E. C.; J. C. Webb, C. G.

COMMITTEES.

Sir Knight Wm. T. Walker, Rt. Em. Grand Commander, announced the appointment of the following standing and special committees:

CREDENTIALS—
Sir Knights John N. Bell, W. T. Robbins, J. H. Bromwell, Samuel Harford, W. H. Ross.

VISITORS—
Sir Knights W. B. Anderson, C. M. Keyes, W. K. Ricksecker, O. L. Perin, and C. E. Davis.

CHARTERS AND DISPENSATIONS—
Sir Knights C. E. Armstrong, W. H. Darrah, L. M. Lea, S. Williams, and E. H. Johns.

FINANCE—
Sir Knights G. B. Harman, R. V. Hampson, J. A. Stipp, Jos. Ralston, and H. W. Hubbard.

GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS—
Sir Knights A. F. Vance, Jr., Manuel May, N. H. Albaugh, W. M. Cunningham, and C. E. Sheldon.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS—
Sir Knights C. H. Simonds, J. B. Ryan, C. R. Fisher, Joseph L. Pickering, and Frank Wright.

RETURNS—
Sir Knights Jos. Kirkup, Z. T. Baltzly, Jno. P. McCune, J. W. Lewis, and Chas. W. Chamberlain.

PAY ROLL—
Sir Knights W. A. Race, Jno. S. Patterson, H. M. Alvord, J. J. Greene, H. R. Bradbury.

JURISPRUDENCE—
Sir Knights H. H. Tatem, E. T. Carson, B. D. Babcock, Eli Fasold, and L. F. Lyttle.

FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE—
Sir Knights E. T. Carson, E. M. Colver, Robert Gwynn, C. C. Keifer, and J. W. Chamberlin.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES.

Revision of Code.—Sir Knights H. H. Tatem, E. T. Carson, and L. F. Lyttle.

Obituaries.—Sir Knights L. F. Van Cleve, C. C. Keifer, and W. M. Meek.

The Rt. Em. Grand Commander then delivered his annual address, and submitted the Commandery Inspection Reports of the several Grand Officers:

ANNUAL ADDRESS

OF THE

Rt. Eminent Grand Commander.

Sir Knights, Officers and Members of the Grand Commandery Knights Templars of Ohio:

The duty devolves upon me to present a written report of my official acts during the past year. Before doing so, however, I would humbly invoke the blessing of Divine Providence, and offer sincere thanks that so many of us are spared to meet together again in conclave, and hope that our labors for the welfare of our beloved Order may be blessed, and may redound to the glory of our Heavenly Father.

Situated as I have been during the incumbency of the high office to which you have elected me, I have been unable to make as many visits as I could wish, and I have reason to be especially thankful that the duties were not arduous as compared with those of my immediate predecessors.

I cannot permit the opportunity to pass without bearing testimony to the thorough work performed by them, so that little of the annoyance they had, in relation to a certain matter of bogus Masonry, remained for me, and I have pleasure in being able to say the cause of the annoyance alluded to has been pretty well eradicated from our midst, and but one episode occurred during the past year that is really worthy of notice, and that, too, insignificant, when compared with general results.

The occurrence I refer to is the escapade of a few Master Masons in Zanesville, which at best can not affect this Grand

Body, and will be attended to by the Grand Body having more immediate control of the situation.

Peace and prosperity reign within our borders, and the statistics for the past year show a gratifying increase in our numbers, and the general condition of affairs in this grand jurisdiction to be decidedly prosperous.

Returns show the Order sustained a loss by death of 70 members. There were created since our last annual conclave, 421; admitted, 97; reinstated, 52; dimitted, 161; suspended, 134; expelled, 16; the net increase for the year being 189. Present membership, 6,133.

NECROLOGY.

Since our last convocation death has been amongst us, and his shaft has struck some of our brightest and best members. Several chairs are to-day vacant, which for many convocations have been occupied by well known forms. We miss their hearty greetings and pleasant faces, and cannot but feel sad when memory recalls them to our minds. In view of this we may well ask each other, how would it be were it not for the faith that is in us, and the consolation afforded us by the promise of the "Resurrection of the Body and Life Everlasting?"

The first of those whose demise I would commemorate in these pages is Sir Sanford L. Collins, who died at Toledo, Ohio, February 3, 1889. He was a member of this Grand Body since 1857, and served as V. E. Deputy Grand Commander in 1863. Elected Eminent Commander of Toledo Commandery No. 7 in 1857, he served continuously until the close of 1868, but on account of his infirmity (deafness) he has not been an active participant in Templar duties in his Commandery or the Grand Commandery since; but I know his heart was with us, and his whole life bore testimony to his Christian and Knightly character, and his death also, resigned and happy, glorying in the hope of a bright immortality. Before his death he expressed a wish to be buried by Toledo Commandery No. 7, in as unostentatious a manner as possible, and his wish was obeyed.

The next member of this body to succumb to the inevitable was one who less than a year ago laid down the jewel of the office of Grand Commander of Ohio, SIR FREDERICK H. REHWINKEL. His life and services are too well known to every member of this Grand Body to require any special eulogy from me. His loss is keenly felt and deplored by all. His illness was of short duration, and the announcement of his death came upon many of us as a sudden shock. For myself I could hardly realize it. It occurred, too, at a time when other Masonic engagements prevented my taking part in the ceremonies attending his funeral, and I therefore opened telegraphic correspondence with the V. E. Deputy Grand Commander, Sir Henry Perkins, and the E. Grand Captain General, Sir Huntington Brown, both of whom responded promptly, and his remains were consigned to mother earth under the auspices of the Grand Commandery. R. E. Sir LaFayette Lyttle acted as Grand Prelate, in accordance with a promise made the deceased Frater some time previous.

I can not find words more adequate to the occasion than a quotation from our Burial Service: "The memory of his virtues lingers in our remembrance, and reflects its shining luster beyond the portals of the tomb. The earthen vase which has contained precious odors will lose none of its fragrance, though the clay be broken and shattered; so be it with our brother's memory."

I had General Order No. 3 issued, of which the following is a copy:

GRAND COMMANDERY KNIGHTS TEMPLARS OF OHIO,
OFFICE OF GRAND COMMANDER,
TOLEDO, OHIO, June 12, 1889.

GENERAL ORDER No. 3.

To all Sir Knights Throughout the Jurisdiction of the Grand Commandery of Ohio:

It is with sorrow that I announce the death of that courteous frater, Sir Knight FREDERICK HENRY REHWINKEL, Past Grand Commander, who died at his home in Chillicothe, Ohio, on the 8th day of June, A. D. 1889, A. O. 771, the immediate cause of death being a stroke of paralysis.

In his private life he was a valued citizen, widely and warmly loved and respected. As a soldier of the Republic during the war for the

Union he was brave and faithful. As a Knight Templar, his sterling integrity and intelligent zeal and devotion to the principles of Christian Knighthood were fully known and appreciated, not only in this but in sister jurisdictions. In 1887 the Grand Commandery of Ohio selected him to fill the highest office in its gift—that of Grand Commander—and to the discharge of the duties of that exalted station he brought those estimable qualities of head and heart which he possessed in so marked a degree, and which insured a highly successful and harmonious administration.

Sir Knight Rehwinkel had also attained to the honorary grade of 33° of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite.

But his earthly pilgrimage is ended; the dread summons came, and valiantly the Christian Knight answered the call. A brightly burning taper of life in our Order has been extinguished, and none save the High and Holy One can relight it. Friend, Companion, Sir Knight, farewell.

In honor of our Past Grand Commander, this memorial order will be read at the head of the lines in each Commandery of this jurisdiction at the first stated conclave held after the receipt thereof, and the usual badge of mourning will be worn by all Sir Knights at the hilt of their swords, until the close of our next annual Grand Conclave.

W. T. Walker,
Grand Commander.

Attest:
Jno. N. Bell,
Grand Recorder.

V. E. Deputy Grand Commander Perkins will make full report of the performance of his sad duty.

The following is the report of Eminent Grand Captain General, Sir Huntington Brown:

Mansfield, Ohio, July 3, 1889.

Sir Wm. T. Walker, *Grand Commander, Toledo, Ohio:*

Right Eminent and Very Dear Sir—At your request I make my report relative to the obsequies of our late Past Grand Commander, Sir F. H. Rehwinkel.

I received your dispatch dated June 8, 1889, advising me of his death, and ordering me to Chillicothe to take charge of the lines. I immediately corresponded with Eminent Sir M. J. Houck, Grand Senior Warden, and requested that he meet me there to make suitable arrangements; and as we could not do so at once, we met by agreement at Chillicothe, Ohio, on Tuesday, the 11th ult., and completed our arrangements.

Chillicothe Commandery, No. 8, I assigned as the guard of honor, as Right Eminent Sir Rehwinkel was a member of this Commandery.

We met at the Asylum of Chillicothe Commandery, and there formed the lines at 2:30 sharp, on Wednesday afternoon, as follows, and proceeded to the residence of our late Past Grand Commander:

1. Drum Corps, G. A. R.
2. A. L. Brown Post, G. A. R.
3. Eintracht Singing Society.
4. Scioto Lodge, F. & A. M.
5. First Regiment Band, Cincinnati, Ohio.
6. Cincinnati Commandery No. 3, Cincinnati, Ohio.
7. Mt. Vernon Commandery No. 1, Columbus, Ohio.
8. Wittich's Band, Circleville, Ohio.
9. Scioto Commandery No. 35, Circleville, Ohio.
10. Calvary Commandery No. 13, Portsmouth, Ohio.
11. Officers of Grand Commandery.

From the late residence we marched to St. Paul's Episcopal Church, where, after a short service, the beautiful burial service of the Knights Templars was rendered by Very Eminent Sir Henry Perkins, Deputy Grand Commander and Right Eminent Sir LaFayette Lyttle, the latter acting as Prelate.

After the service of the Knights Templars the beautiful ceremony of the Scottish Rite presentation of a ring was rendered by Right Eminent Sir E. T. Carson. Immediately afterward the lines were reformed and the procession moved to the beautiful cemetery of Chillicothe, where all that was mortal of our late departed and beloved Sir Knight and Past Grand Commander was laid away forever.

There were about three hundred and fifty Sir Knights in line, to all of whom I desire to express my thanks in aiding and paying homage to him for whom we mourned.

Trusting that my report meets your approval, I am,

Yours courteously and fraternally,

HUNTINGTON BROWN,
Grand Captain General.

The next member of this Grand Body called to his long home was SIR THEODORE FREDERICK NIEMAN, Past Grand Generalissimo. He, too, was well known and beloved by his associates. We sadly miss him to-day, and we mourn him not as dead but as gone before.

I had General Order No. 5 issued in relation thereto, of which the following is a copy :

GENERAL ORDER No. 5.

GRAND COMMANDERY KNIGHTS TEMPLARS OF OHIO,
OFFICE OF THE GRAND COMMANDER,
TOLEDO, OHIO, June 27, A. D. 1889, A. O. 771.

To all Sir Knights throughout the Jurisdiction of the Grand Commandery of Ohio:

Once again the arrow of the insatiable archer, DEATH, has found a shining mark in the person of our esteemed Frater, SIR KNIGHT THEODORE FREDERICK NIEMAN, Past Grand Generalissimo, who peacefully entered into rest at his home in Cincinnati, Ohio, on Wednesday, the 26th day of June, A. D. 1889, A. O. 771.

The many generous and noble qualities which adorned the character of our deceased Frater endeared him to the hearts of all with whom he came in contact, and his devotion to the principles and mission of the Masonic Brotherhood was manifested in many years of zealous and intelligent labor in all its various branches.

But his sword is sheathed, and his earthly armor laid aside forever. "To his name and memory be justice done," and may the recollection of his virtues remain enshrined in the hearts of his sorrowing Fraters.

In honor of our deceased Companion Sir Knight this memorial order will be read at the head of the lines, in each Commandery of this grand jurisdiction, at the first stated conclave after its receipt, and the usual badge of mourning will be worn by all Sir Knights at the hilt of their swords until the close of our next annual conclave.

W. T. WALKER,
Grand Commander.

Attest:
JNO. N. BELL,
Grand Recorder.

Again I was obliged to delegate the duty of taking charge of the funeral ceremonies to another, this time to our Grand Generalissimo, Eminent Sir W. B. Melish, who makes report as follows:

CINCINNATI, July 3, 1889.

RIGHT EMINENT SIR W. T. WALKER, *Grand Commander, Toledo, Ohio:*

RIGHT EMINENT AND DEAR SIR—It is my sad duty to make a special report to you of my acts as your representative in the funeral ceremonies of Past Grand Generalissimo THEO. F. NIEMAN, who departed this life on Wednesday, June 26, 1889. Upon receipt of your telegram requesting me to conduct the ceremonies in the name of the Grand Commandery of Ohio, I communicated with the family, and with the Masonic bodies in Cincinnati of which our late Frater was a member, and with their consent assumed charge of the arrangements. The funeral took place on Friday, June 28, from the Scottish Rite Cathedral. The services were conducted by the acting officers of the Grand Com-

mandery, Knights Templars of Ohio; Hanselmann Commandery, of which the deceased was the present Captain-General, acting as escort. Cincinnati No. 3, and Trinity No. 44, also turned out to pay their last respects to their departed Frater. The beautiful Cathedral was filled at 1:30 o'clock, when the impressive funeral rites of the Order began. All the Masons were in their full uniforms, with the insignia of mourning conspicuous. The casket containing the remains rested on a bier on the platform, and around it were grouped the officers of the Grand Commandery, the Scottish Rite, the Chapter, and the Lodge. The official corps of officers was as follows: William B. Melish, acting Right Eminent Grand Commander; H. H. Tatem, acting Deputy Grand Commander; O. L. Perin, acting Eminent Grand Generalissimo; John B. Peaslee, acting Eminent Grand Captain General; Rev. La Fayette Van Cleve, Eminent Grand Prelate; William R. Avery, acting Eminent Grand Senior Warden; W. A. Eudaly, acting Eminent Grand Junior Warden; H. T. Kent, acting Eminent Grand Treasurer, all of Cincinnati, and John N. Bell, of Dayton, Eminent Grand Recorder; Wm. M. Meek, of Hillsboro, Eminent Grand Standard Bearer; Joseph Kirkup, Cincinnati, acting Eminent Grand Sword Bearer; W. S. Hufford, Lebanon, Eminent Grand Warder; and Geo. B. McMillar, Cincinnati, acting Eminent Grand Captain of Guard. A short and eloquent sermon was preached by Rev. LaFayette VanCleve, in which brief allusion was made to the life of the deceased and the meritorious record of his public services. The ceremonies occupied just an hour, and at 2:30 o'clock the remains were borne out to the hearse. Broadway on both sides, for a square each way from the Cathedral, and the contiguous streets of Fourth and Fifth, were filled with carriages, and the funeral procession, when it formed at 3 o'clock and filed westward on Fourth street, was one of the longest that ever left the Cathedral. Eminent Sir Nieman was laid to rest in Spring Grove Cemetery, there to await the day of Resurrection. Our esteemed Frater was, at the time of his death, a Past Master of LaFayette Lodge No. 81, F. & A. M., a Past High Priest of Willis Chapter No. 131, R. A. M., Past Commander of Hanselmann Commandery No. 16, K. T., and a member of Ohio Sov. Consistory, S. P. R. S. He was also a Past Grand Generalissimo of the Grand Commandery of Ohio. While we mourn his untimely end, and cherish the memory of his many good qualities, we can but close up the ranks and move on in life's journey.

Fraternally and courteously yours,

W. B. Melish,
Grand Generalissimo.

I have no doubt that of the deceased Fraters during the past year who were not members of the Grand Commandery, many deserve special notice, but there are no reports from their Com-

manderies, and consequently I cannot make mention of them particularly, further than as the representative of the Grand Commandery of Ohio I offer to the Commanderies to which they belonged, and to their families, sincere and fraternal condolence. Let us preserve their memories in our hearts, and prepare ourselves for that great change which is sure to come.

Letters of condolence and sympathy have been received from R. E. Sir Edward Clift, of New Jersey, Grand Representative of Ohio; R. E. Sir Austin C. Wood, Grand Commander, New York; E. Sir H. H. Munson, Grand Recorder of North Carolina; R. E. Sir Wm. C. Smith, Grand Commander of Tennessee; E. Sir Chas. J. Blivin, Grand Representative of Ohio, New York; R. E. Sir Henry Gibson, Grand Commander of Nebraska; E. Sir Chas. E. Coffin, Grand Representative of Ohio, Georgia, and many other Sir Knights. We can not but feel grateful for their expressions of sorrow and Knightly love and affection for us, as well as the profound courtesy exhibited in our bereavement, especially as they seem to fully realize the great loss we have sustained.

PROXIES.

On the 30th day of August, 1888, I issued my proxy to Eminent Sir S. Stacker Williams to constitute the Commandery at Cambridge, and to install its officers.

To Eminent Sir William B. Melish to constitute the Commandery at Sidney, and to install its officers; and to Right Eminent Sir Frederick H. Rehwinkel to constitute the Commandery at Ironton, and to install its officers.

The Sir Knights named have performed the duty assigned to them, and have made reports of the same. Therefore, Ironton Commandery No. 45, at Ironton; Sidney Commandery No. 46, at Sidney; Cambridge Commandery No. 47, at Cambridge, have been added to the Roll of Commanderies of Ohio.

The following are copies of reports from Eminent Sirs S. Stacker Williams and W. B. Melish. I had a telegram from the late Right Eminent Sir Rehwinkel stating he had performed the duty, and would at some future time make official report, but the dread summons came, and his work is finished.

NEWARK, OHIO, October 6, 1888.

DEAR AND RIGHT EMINENT SIR AND FRATER—I have been so busy as to delay a report to you till the present.

In compliance with your request and authority conferred upon me by you, I visited Cambridge on the 19th of September and constituted Cambridge Commandery No. 47, and installed its officers in accordance with the prescribed form.

Expenses were paid by the Commandery.

Courteously,

S. STACKER WILLIAMS,
Past Eminent Commander.

W. T. WALKER, ESQ.,
Right Eminent Grand Commander, Toledo, Ohio.

CINCINNATI, December 1, 1889.

RIGHT EMINENT SIR W. T. WALKER, *Grand Commander of Ohio:*

RIGHT EMINENT AND DEAR SIR—In accordance with your request I proceeded to Sidney, Ohio, on September 26, 1888, and there constituted Sidney Commandery No. 46, Knights Templars.

As your representative I selected a number of Past Commanders, opened the Grand Commandery of Ohio, appointed a staff of officers and proceeded with the ceremonial of constitution, in accordance with the forms and ceremonies prescribed by the Grand Encampment. Immediately after this ceremonial the Sir Knights of Sidney Commandery No. 46 elected their officers, and at their request I then and there publicly installed them into office, in the presence of the Sir Knights, their visitors and ladies.

After the ceremonies were concluded congratulatory speeches were made by a number of Eminent Knights, after which an elegant banquet was served to all present. It can safely be said that Sidney Commandery No. 46, Knights Templars, commences her career as a chartered Commandery under circumstances as favorable as those that attended her opening work as a Commandery under dispensation.

It is unnecessary for me to give a full description of the rooms, regalia, or other equipments of this Commandery, inasmuch as these matters were fully reported to the Grand Commandery last year by Past Grand Commander Rehwinkel, and by yourself on the occasion of your formal inspection of Sidney Commandery while under dispensation.

The Commandery will bear fruit even as the bud promised, and will form another jewel in the crown of the Grand Commandery of Ohio.

Fraternally yours,

W. B. MELISH,
Grand Generalissimo.

DISPENSATIONS.

November 4, 1888, granted a dispensation to Calvary Commandery No. 13, at Portsmouth, to appear in full uniform on November 9, at a reception in honor of Sir Knight Rev. Dr. E. Burr, an aged and esteemed member of Calvary Commandery No. 13.

November 30, 1888, granted a dispensation to Hope Commandery No. 26, at St. Clairsville, to enable that Commandery to elect its officers, they having failed to do so at the time specified in their by-laws.

March 19, 1889, granted a dispensation to Steubenville Commandery No. 11, to visit Wheeling Commandery No. 1, of the Grand Jurisdiction of West Virginia, on March 25, and directed the Eminent Commander to report in person to the Grand Commander of West Virginia, who resides at Wheeling, on his arrival there. I have a report from Eminent Commander H. M. Priest, in which he states the Grand Commander received his Commandery in a very courteous manner, and that the attention bestowed on the Ohio Commandery by the Grand Commander and the Sir Knights of Wheeling was indeed gratifying, and that the visit, he feels sure, will be productive of good to all concerned.

May 15, 1889, granted a dispensation to Toledo Commandery No. 7, permitting an official and social call on Right Rev. Leighton Coleman, Bishop of Delaware, a former resident of this city, and an honorary member of Toledo Commandery. The event was characterized by the kindness and good feeling manifested, and was accepted by the Right Rev. Bishop as highly complimentary.

June 11, 1889, granted a dispensation to Erie Commandery No. 23, to appear in public in uniform for the purpose of escorting the Grand Officers of the Grand Lodge, F. & A. M., of Ohio, at the laying of the corner stone of the Masonic Temple at Sandusky on June 24, 1889.

Granted, also, a dispensation to Massillon Commandery No. 21, to appear in public in uniform, and to join Erie Commandery at Sandusky and assist in the ceremonies of laying the corner stone of the Masonic Temple there.

Granted a dispensation to Cambridge Commandery No. 47, to appear in uniform on St. John's Day, June 24, at the town of Carlisle, Noble county, to join with Noble Lodge, F. & A. M., No. 459, in festivities appropriate to the day and occasion.

Granted, also, a dispensation to Shawnee Commandery No. 14, to participate with Erie Commandery No. 23, in the ceremonies at Sandusky on June 24.

Granted a dispensation to Canton Commandery No. 38, to appear in uniform July 2, for the purpose of escorting visiting Templars to their Asylum.

I have had several applications for permission to ballot on applications within the time specified by the Code. When the reasons given were satisfactory I granted them, but in a few instances I refused them; in fact, whenever the reasons advanced appeared to be for convenience only, I withheld them.

DECISIONS.

To the question, "After an Eminent Commander has ordered a Sir Knight dropped from the rolls for non-payment of dues, can the Commandery receive his note for the same, or can a motion be entertained by the Commander to ask such Sir Knight for his note?" I replied:

"The payment of dues is the only mode by which the Sir Knight can be restored to good standing. If the Commandery could accept a note, or, in other words, a promise to pay from one under such circumstances, it could from many, and the Treasurer of the Commandery might have little else than promises to pay. If a note offered is equivalent to cash, the Knight should have little difficulty in converting it into cash outside the Commandery, and be enabled to pay his dues. If it is not equivalent to cash the Commandery would have no use for it, and ought not to accept it. A motion to ask a Sir Knight for his note in payment of his dues, after having been dropped from the rolls, would certainly be out of order, and should not be entertained."

Question. If an Eminent Commander under suspension as such could properly assist in conferring the Order of Knighthood during the term of his suspension?

Answer. An Eminent Commander under suspension cannot be permitted to exercise any of the functions of a Commander during the term of his suspension. I would consider it improper for him, while under suspension, to perform the duties of any officer of a Commandery.

Qnestion condensed. In a case where two Sir Knights, who were expelled for non-payment of dues two years previously, applied for restoration to membership, they were charged with dues to the time of application, and on ballot were rejected. I was asked if the course of the Commandery was proper. My decision was as follows:

The petition of the expelled Knights should have been considered in the following order:

First—On the application to be restored to good standing, which required a two-thirds vote, and must be accompanied by the amount due to the date of expulsion.

Second—If the Knight or Knights were restored to good standing, action might be taken on their restoration to membership, which required a unanimous vote, and be accompanied by the fee usually charged to Knights asking membership on dimit.

The action of the Commandery in having voted on restoration to membership before having restored them to good standing is null and void. Whenever the Commandery proposes again taking the petition up for action thereon, all the members should be notified of this decision, and of the time and purpose of so doing.

In two instances I have been requested to grant dispensations to Commanderies to confer the orders on non-residents, who had certificates from Subordinate Commanderies in other Grand Jurisdictions, of having been elected to receive the orders, and requesting that the orders be conferred.

In both cases I have refused the dispensations, for the reason the applications should have been forwarded through the Grand Commanders of both jurisdictions, in accordance with the Code.

Question. A member of our Commandery, who is in arrears for dues for three years, is now and has been for a year an

imbecile, or lunatic; how can the Commandery proceed to collect the dues or enforce the penalty, he being *non compos mentis?*

Answer. I know of no way by which dues can be collected from a member who is, and has been for the past year, an imbecile or lunatic, and I doubt the propriety of even attempting the collection. Humanity in such a case would seem to require that the Commandery should remit his dues, and keep the Sir Knight in good standing until such time as he should recover or pass away. A Commandery cannot escape the duty it owes to one of its members, who becomes afflicted with a disease even worse than death itself.

Question. Whether a Commandery may properly adopt a distinctive badge composed partly of gold, and if the wearing of such badge by Knights below the rank of Commander would conflict with the Code, which dictates white metal only can be worn by Knights of the rank specified?

I decided the Code had reference to the metal used as designating rank only, and not to distinctive Commandery badges.

December 27, 1888.—It appearing that the officers of Cache Commandery No. 27, stationed at Conneaut, were on December 17, 1888, installed by Past Eminent Commander W. A. Ward without the proxy or presence of the commanding officer authorizing it, but otherwise in full accordance with the form prescribed, I confirmed said installation as legal and binding on all whom it may concern, and to be of full force and effect, and directed that the confirmation be read at the head of the lines at the first regular conclave occurring after the receipt thereof, and proclamation be made accordingly.

December 28, 1888.—Authorized the installation of the Senior Warden and Standard Bearer elect of Eagle Commandery No. 29, at Painesville, they having been unavoidably absent when other officers were installed, and the time having elapsed within which they should have been installed, in compliance with the Code.

January 4, 1889.—In reply to a communication from Past Eminent Commander A. C. Cochran, of Cambridge, in relation to a circular received by members of Cambridge Commandery from one J. Hope Sutor, who had issued circulars asking for

an expression of approval or disapproval of certain actions of the Grand Commandery, and who himself was not in good standing in the Order, I directed that no communication be had by any member of a Commandery on any Masonic matter with said J. Hope Sutor, and directed Sir Cochran to so advise the Sir Knights of Cambridge Commandery.

February 9, 1889.—I decided that a Sir Knight who is a life member of a Commandery in Pennsylvania could not be a charter member of a Commandery in Ohio without severing his connections with the Commandery in Pennsylvania, and therefore be liable for dues to the Commandery in Ohio.

To the question, "If a petition is received by a Commandery and referred to a committee, and previous to next stated conclave there is an objection handed to the Eminent Commander in writing, will the report of the committee have to be made and a ballot had in the case, or will it stop proceedings without a report?" I answered, nothing can stop the proceedings except it shall appear that the Commandery has no jurisdiction over the petition; the ballot must be had on the application.

To the question, "Can a candidate, rejected by a Commandery, apply to another Commandery after six months from his rejection, provided he has the unanimous consent of the Commandery by which he was rejected?" I answered, yes; and referred to section seventy-five, part second of the supplement to the Code.

When a by-law reads as follows: "All members of this Commandery, who have been such, and paid the full amount of dues charged against them for twenty-one (21) years consecutively, shall, on payment of five dollars, be entitled to a life membership," and the question was asked, "Should a member that has had his dues remitted from time to time during the twenty-one years be entitled to a certificate of life membership?"

I replied: "A member who has had his dues remitted has not complied with the requirements of the by-laws, and consequently is not entitled to the benefit arising therefrom."

It was asked further: "Should the member be required to pay to the Commandery the full amount of dues remitted?"

To this I replied: "There is no provision in the by-laws giving the Commandery any right to demand it. But should the member tender to the Commandery an amount equal to that remitted, and the Commandery votes to accept it, I can see no reason why they have not the power to do so, and thereby restore to the member the privilege granted by the by-laws.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

In accordance with the usual custom in this Grand Jurisdiction, on September 19, 1888, I courteously tendered my resignation as Grand Representative of the Grand Commandery of New Jersey, near the Grand Commandery of Ohio, to Right Eminent Sir Isaac C. Githens, Grand Commander of New Jersey, and after some courteous correspondence it was accepted and Eminent Sir Leander Burdick commissioned, whom I have accredited as such.

November 5, 1888. Received a communication from Right Eminent Sir Rehwinkel, stating he had, during his term of office as Grand Commander, opened a correspondence with the Grand Commander of Washington Territory in relation to the interchange of Grand Representatives with that Grand Body, and the result has been the appointment of Eminent Sir E. W. Page as Grand Representative of the Grand Commandery of Washington Territory, near the Grand Commandery of Ohio, and I have commissioned Right Eminent Sir Harrison W. Eagan, of Walla Walla, Washington Territory, as Representative of the Grand Commandery of Ohio, near the Grand Commandery of Washington Territory. The correspondence has been marked by Knightly cordiality and good feeling. I have also to acknowledge the receipt of a courteous communication from Eminent Sir Chas. J. Bliven, Grand Representative of the Grand Commandery of Ohio, near the Grand Commandery of New York, in which he kindly tendered his services, especially at the then coming convocation of the Grand Commandery of New York.

February 12, 1889.—In reply to a courteous communication received from Right Eminent Sir J. A. Miller, Grand Commander of West Virginia, asking me to recommend a suitable

Sir Knight in Ohio to be commissioned to act as Grand Representative of the Grand Commandery of West Virginia, near the Grand Commandery of Ohio, I named Right Eminent Sir Frederick H. Rehwinkel, who soon after received the Commission, and whom I have had the pleasure of recognizing as such.

TRIENNIAL CONCLAVE.

In accordance with the resolution adopted at the Grand Conclave of this body in 1888, directing me to appoint six Sir Knights, who, with the first four officers of this Grand Commandery, should constitute a committee of ten to take "full charge of all matters pertaining to the proper representation of the State of Ohio at the Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment of the United States, to be held in Washington, D. C., October 8, 1889," I appointed the following Sir Knights on said committee: Right Eminent Sir E. T. Carson, Right Eminent Sir B. D. Babcock, Right Eminent Sir Eli Fasold, Right Eminent Sir L. F. Lyttle, Right Eminent Sir F. H. Rehwinkel, Eminent Sir J. P. McCune; all of whom courteously accepted the appointments tendered, and on the 20th of September following I issued "Special Order No. 1," of which the following is a copy:

GRAND COMMANDERY KNIGHTS TEMPLARS OF OHIO,
OFFICE OF GRAND COMMANDER,
TOLEDO, OHIO, Sept. 20, 1888.

SPECIAL ORDER No 1.

To the Grand Officers, Past Grand Officers, Eminent Commanders and Sir Knights of Subordinate Commanderies, Knights Templars of Ohio:

At the recent conclave of the Grand Commandery of Ohio, held at Cleveland, August 28 and 29, A. D. 1888, A. O. 770, a resolution was adopted, of which the following is a copy:

"WHEREAS, It has been recommended by the Committee on Finance, and approved by the vote of this Grand Commandery, that the feasibility of establishing a General Headquarters for the State of Ohio at the Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment of the United States, to be held in Washington, D. C., October 8, A. D. 1889, be considered by this Grand Commandery; and,

"WHEREAS, It is desirable that this Grand Commandery and its Subordinate Commanderies be adequately and appropriately represented on that occasion; therefore,

"*Resolved*, That a committee of ten be appointed by the Right Eminent Grand Commander, within ten days of the closing of this conclave;

that such committee shall have full charge of all matters pertaining to the proper representation of the State of Ohio at said Triennial Conclave, and that all necessary expenses incurred by said committee shall be paid out of the treasury of this Grand Commandery, when approved by the Right Eminent Grand Commander; *provided*, That said expenses shall not exceed the sum of three thousand ($3,000) dollars."

On motion it was afterwards resolved that the first four officers of the Grand Commandery should comprise four of the above committee, leaving *six* (6) to be appointed by the Grand Commander. Therefore,

Sir William T. Walker, R. Em. Grand Commander, Toledo,
Sir Henry Perkins, V. Em. Deputy Grand Commander, Akron,
Sir William B. Melish, Em. Grand Generalissimo, Cincinnati,
Sir Huntington Brown, Em. Grand Captain General, Mansfield,

are, by virtue of said resolution, constituted members of said committee. And now, by virtue of the power and authority in me vested, and in accordance with the resolution quoted above, I have appointed and do now promulgate the appointments to fill the quota of said committee as follows:

Right Eminent Sir Enoch T. Carson, Cincinnati.
Right Eminent Sir Brenton D. Babcock, Cleveland.
Right Eminent Sir Eli Fasold, Dayton.
Eminent Sir John P. McCune, Columbus.
Right Eminent Sir LaFayette Lyttle, Toledo.
Right Eminent Sir Frederick H. Rehwinkel, Chillicothe.

And I hereby make request that all the members of the committee will meet at Masonic Hall, in the city of Toledo, on Monday, October 22 (the day preceding the meeting of the Grand Lodge of Ohio), at 7 o'clock P. M., and then and there proceed to organize by electing officers, and formulate such information for Commanderies as may seem necessary to carry out the intention of the Grand Commandery.

Done at the city of Toledo, this 20th day of September, A. D. 1888, A. O. 770.

W. T. Walker,
Grand Commander.

Attest:

John N. Bell,
Grand Recorder.

In response to the request made in said special order, the committee had a meeting at Toledo on the 22d day of October, 1888, and organized by electing officers, the result of which I have the honor to submit herewith as a report of said committee:

GRAND COMMANDERY KNIGHTS TEMPLARS OF OHIO,
OFFICE OF TRIENNIAL COMMITTEE,
TOLEDO, OHIO, October 22, 1888.

To the Grand Officers, Eminent Commanders, Officers and Sir Knights of Subordinate Commanderies Knights Templars of Ohio:

The following action of the Triennial Committee, appointed by authority of the Grand Commandery Knights Templars of Ohio, to take charge of all matters pertaining to the proper representation of the State of Ohio at the Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment of the United States, to be held in the city of Washington, D. C., commencing October 8, A. D. 1889, A. O. 771, is hereby made known for the information of the Knights Templars of Ohio.

In accordance with Special Order No. 1, dated September 20, 1888, issued by Sir Wm. T. Walker, Right Eminent Grand Commander, all the members of the Triennial Committee of the Grand Commandery, as named in said order, met at Toledo October 22, and organized by the election of Right Eminent Sir Wm. T. Walker, Grand Commander, Chairman, and Eminent Sir John N. Bell, Grand Recorder, Secretary, *ex-officio*.

The following sub-committees were appointed:

On Hotels—Sirs Wm. B. Melish, L. F. Lyttle and B. D. Babcock.
On Reception—Sirs Wm. T. Walker, E. T. Carson, and Wm. B. Melish.
On Headquarters—Sirs B. D. Babcock, Huntington Brown, and H. Perkins.
On Printing—Sirs Eli Fasold, E. T. Carson, and Wm. T. Walker
On Badges—Sirs Henry Perkins, John P. McCune, and H. Brown.
On Supplies—Sirs F. H. Rehwinkel, L. F. Lyttle, and John P. McCune.

HOTELS.

Sir Wm. B. Melish, from the Committee on Hotels, having reported that the Harris House in Washington, D. C., could be secured for the Triennial week for Ohio Knights Templars, with comfortable accommodations for 250 guests, at the uniform rate of $3.00 per day, the committee unanimously authorized a contract to be made with the said hotel on the terms proposed, thus securing the entire hotel for Ohio Templars.

The sub-Committee on Hotels were instructed to secure, if possible, additional hotel accommodations for 400 Sir Knights and their ladies, and were given authority to make contracts to that effect.

The Subordinate Commanderies were requested to make known to the Secretary at the earliest practicable moment the number of Sir Knights and ladies from their several Commanderies that desire hotel accommodations, and every effort will be made to secure them in the order of their applications.

OHIO HEADQUARTERS.

Sir Wm. B. Melish reported that the committee had secured, by contract, the use of the Washington Light Infantry Armory Hall, with commodious parlors, cloak rooms, kitchen, etc., for Ohio General Headquarters, being the largest and most suitable hall in the city of Washington. Armory Hall is centrally located on the corner of Fifteenth and E streets, in the immediate vicinity of the Treasury Building, White House grounds and the principal hotels. This hall was secured for the entire week of the conclave of the Grand Encampment.

RAILROAD RATES.

The Hotel Committee will also act as a Committee on Transportation, and low rates of fare will undoubtedly be secured.

DECORATIONS.

In order to render Ohio Headquarters as attractive as possible, it will be necessary to decorate in a suitable manner the main hall of the Armory — which is 90 by 110 feet — and to that end the committee unanimously request that each of the Subordinate Commanderies of the State loan their principal banner to the Grand Commandery, and furnish to the Secretary, at an early date, a list of such other decorations in their possession as they may be willing to loan for this purpose; such banners and decorations to be sent and returned at the expense of the Grand Commandery.

COMMANDERY HEADQUARTERS.

The Triennial Committee earnestly request that the Subordinate Commanderies of Ohio make no arrangements for separate Commandery headquarters, but will assist the General Committee in rendering the Ohio Headquarters attractive, thus carrying out the intention of their establishment, and by concentration to adequately and appropriately represent not only the Grand Commandery but all Subordinate Commanderies of the State on that occasion, and make manifest in an unmistakable manner the meaning and extent of Ohio Templar hospitality.

All communications in reference to the Triennial Conclave to be addressed to the Secretary, Eminent Sir John N. Bell, Dayton, Ohio.

Further information will be given as may become necessary in subsequent circulars.

By order of the Triennial Committee.

WM. T. WALKER,
Chairman.

Attest:

JOHN N. BELL,
Secretary.

For the purpose of having the accounts of the Triennial Committee, and the vouchers, kept apart from all others, and to facilitate a final settlement, I appointed Right Eminent Sir L. F. Lyttle as Treasurer, who will account for all money received from the Grand Treasurer for that purpose.

The Triennial Committees were again called together at Cincinnati, when the several committees reported progress, and general matters were discussed and considered.

June 20, 1889.—Appointed Eminent Sir Martin J. Houck, the Grand Senior Warden of this Grand Commandery, to the position made vacant by the death of the late Right Eminent Sir Rehwinkel, and directed that Sir Houck's name be substituted on all committees on which our deceased Frater was named, and in the same order.

I have now to report progress, and am enabled to assure the the Grand Commandery of Ohio that ample accommodations have been secured for all Commanderies who have applied for them; that suitable and elegant headquarters for this Grand Body have been secured, and that Ohio will stand second to none in its arrangements at the Triennial Conclave in Washington, and that the honor, dignity and hospitality of the Templars of Ohio will be preserved and sustained. The matter of hotel accommodations secured will be the subject matter of a special communication from the Chairman of the Committee, Sir W. B. Melish, and which will be presented later.

MASONIC HOME.

Having been informed by officers of the Grand Chapter and Grand Lodge that resolutions had been adopted, and committees appointed in accordance therewith, to act with like committees of the Grand Commandery and Grand Council, to consider the subject of the establishment of a Masonic Widows' and Orphans' Home in this State at the annual meetings of those Bodies in 1888, held after the Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery, and inasmuch as the Grand Commandery would not again assemble until the present conclave, and that it might delay the action on what seemed to me a very praiseworthy object, in which the Grand Commandery should be represented, I assumed the responsibility of appointing a com-

mittee to act with the others, and on the 29th of October designated Sir Samuel F. Forbes of Toledo, Sir G. B. Harman of Dayton, Sir Ed. Morrell of Columbus, as such committee, and I have their courteous acceptances of the trust, as well as expressions of sympathy with the object contemplated.

The representatives of the Grand Commandery will make special report of their doings at a meeting held at Urbana.

On the election returns of Athens Commandery No. 15, I notice the seal reads, "Athens Encampment No. 15," and on December 11, 1888, I called the attention of the Eminent Commander to the error. I have not had any reply from him on the subject, and presume the seal has been corrected.

COMMANDERY INSPECTIONS.

On the 20th of October, 1888, I issued General Order No. 1, appointing and detailing Inspecting Officers, of which the following is a copy:

GENERAL ORDER No. 1.

GRAND COMMANDERY KNIGHTS TEMPLARS OF OHIO,
OFFICE OF GRAND COMMANDER,
TOLEDO, OHIO, October 20, 1888.

To the Officers of the Grand Commandery, Eminent Commanders, and Sir Knights of Subordinate Commanderies, Knights Templars of Ohio:

I. BE IT KNOWN, That I, William T. Walker, Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templars of Ohio, by virtue of the power and authority in me vested, do hereby commission the Grand Officers of this jurisdiction, as my representatives, for the inspection and supervision of the Subordinate Commanderies designated, with full power and prerogatives of the Grand Commander in the performance of such duties, and do assign the said Commanderies of the State as follows:

To SIR HENRY PERKINS, V. Eminent Deputy Grand Commander—Mt. Vernon Commandery No. 1, Reed Commandery No. 6, Clinton Commandery No. 5, Mansfield Commandery No. 21.

To SIR WILLIAM B. MELISH, Eminent Grand Generalissimo—Oriental Commandery No. 12, Garfield Commandery No. 28, Calvary Commandery No. 13, Palestine Commandery No. 33.

To SIR HUNTINGTON BROWN, Eminent Grand Captain General—Cincinnati Commandery No. 3, Erie Commandery No. 23, Toledo Commandery No. 7, Salem Commandery No. 42.

To SIR L. F. VAN CLEVE, Eminent Grand Prelate—Lancaster Commandery No. 2, Coleman Commandery No. 17, Highland Commandery No. 31.

To Sir Martin J. Houck, Eminent Grand Senior Warden—Steubenville Commandery No. 11, Holyrood Commandery No. 32, Hanselmann Commandery No. 16, Scioto Commandery No. 35.

To Sir Elisha M. Colver, Eminent Grand Junior Warden—DeMolay Commandery No. 9, Raper Commandery No. 19, Warren Commandery No. 39, St. Luke's Commandery No. 34.

To Sir Burton Parsons, Eminent Grand Treasurer—Massillon Commandery No. 4, Marion Commandery No. 36, Canton Commandery No. 38.

To Sir John N. Bell, Eminent Grand Recorder—Miami Commandery No. 22, Shawnee Commandery No. 14, Akron Commandery No. 25, Hamilton Commandery No. 41.

To Sir William M. Meek, Eminent Grand Standard Bearer—Chillicothe Commandery No. 8, Athens Commandery No. 15, Cambridge Commandery No. 47.

To Sir Gibson H. Robinson, Eminent Grand Sword Bearer—St. John's Commandery No. 20, Eagle Commandery No. 29, Cache Commandery No. 27, Forest City Commandery No. 40.

To Sir William S. Hufford, Eminent Grand Warder—Hope Commandery No. 26, Wilmington Commandery No. 37, Ironton Commandery No. 45.

To Sir Jacob Randall, Eminent Grand Captain of the Guard—Ohio Valley Commandery No. 24, The Rose Commandery No. 43.

The Grand Commander will Personally Inspect—Norwalk Commandery No. 18, Trinity Commandery No. 44, Defiance Commandery No. 30, Sidney Commandery No. 46.

II. At inspections, Commanderies will confer the Orders of Knight Templar and Knight of Malta at the time of the official visit of the inspecting officer, or exemplify the same, opening and closing in full form, including rehearsal of officers duties, etc.

III. At the next annual conclave of each Commandery the Em.·. Commander will cause to be read the report of the inspection of his command, under authority of the commission of the Grand Commander, issued December 28, 1887.

IV. Inspecting officers will report on the rendition of the ritual by all officers; note and correct departures from the authorized version; carefully examine the record and account books; ascertain the financial condition of each Commandery they inspect, and especially of the number of members (if any) in default of their dues (the latter should be in a separate report); and the general facilities, rooms, furniture, paraphernalia, etc., for the proper conferring of the orders.

V. Inspecting officers will as early as practicable communicate with the Commanderies assigned them, and arrange dates for inspection, and

when these duties have been performed make full report of the same to these Headquarters. All matters other than inspections coming to their knowledge should be reported promptly.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Grand Commandery, at the city of Toledo, this 20th day of October, A. D. 1888, and of the Order 770.

W. T. Walker,
Grand Commander.

Attest:
Jno. N. Bell,
Grand Recorder.

Sir Jacob Randall having asked to be relieved from the duty of Inspecting Officer, and the reasons therefor appearing to me satisfactory, I communicated with Eminent Sir Van Cleve, Grand Prelate, on the subject. He very kindly consented to take upon himself the additional duty. His reports of inspection will be found with those of the other Inspecting Officers, and I have pleasure in thus publicly thanking him for his courtesy in the matter.

GENERAL DISPENSATIONS.

Impressed with the propriety of encouraging the public worship of Almighty God on all occasions, wherein Knights Templars might appear in public as such, and to avoid the labor of issuing special dispensations in each case, I issued the following proclamation:

Grand Commandery Knights Templars of Ohio,
Office of Grand Commander,
Toledo, Ohio, Feb. 13, A. D. 1889, A. O. 771.

To the Eminent Commanders of Subordinate Commanderies Knights Templars of Ohio— Greeting:

Whereas, The heretofore frequent applications of Commanderies for permission to appear in public in uniform, for the purpose of attending Divine worship at the seasons of Good Friday, Easter, and Ascension Day, have had my cordial endorsement; and believing the public acknowledgment of our professions of faith highly commendable and worthy of encouragement, and to avoid the necessity of issuing special dispensations, I do hereby direct the promulgation of this, my

Special Order
No. 2.

I. Be it Known, That permission is hereby granted to all Subordinate Commanderies of Knights Templars, under the authority of the Grand Commandery of Ohio, to appear in public in uniform for the

purpose of attending the public worship of God on Good Friday, Easter Sunday and Ascension Day, of this year, all or either, as each Commandery may elect, and for so doing this shall be your sufficient warrant and authority.

II. Eminent Commanders are required to make report to these headquarters when their Commanderies have acted under the authority hereby granted.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Grand Commandery Knights Templars of Ohio, the day and year above written.

W. T. Walker,
Grand Commander.

Attest:
Jno. N. Bell,
Grand Recorder.

I had several applications for dispensations to enable Commanderies to appear in public for the purpose of attending Divine service on the day set apart by the President of the United States, and in commemoration of the first President, George Washington, a brother Mason. For the same reason advanced in justification of a general order authorizing Commanderies to appear on Templar Holidays, I issued the following:

Grand Commandery Knights Templars of Ohio,
Office of Grand Commander,
Toledo, Ohio, April 13, 1889, A. O. 771.

To the Officers and Past Officers of the Grand Commandery of Ohio, the Eminent Commanders and Officers of the Subordinate Commanderies under the Jurisdiction of the Grand Commandery Knights Templars of Ohio—Greeting:

Whereas, The President of the United States, in a proclamation issued on the 4th day of April, inst., earnestly recommends "that on Tuesday, April 30, the people of the entire country repair to their respective places of Divine worship to implore the favor of God, that the blessings of liberty, prosperity and peace may abide with us as a people, and that His hand may lead us in the paths of righteousness and good deeds;" and,

Whereas, It is peculiarly fitting and proper that Knights Templars should be impressed with the recommendations of the President, and recognize to the fullest extent the duty of conforming to the same as individuals, and having had applications for permission to perform a like duty as Commanderies, and to which I see no reasonable objection, I do hereby direct the issue of this, my

General Order
No 2.

I. Be it Known, That permission is hereby granted to all Subordinate Commanderies of Knights Templars, under the authority of the

Grand Commandery of Ohio, to appear in public in uniform for the purpose of attending the worship of Almighty God, on Tuesday, April 30th, next, and for so doing this shall be your sufficient authority.

II. Eminent Commanders will make report to the undersigned when their commands have availed themselves of the privilege hereby granted.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Grand Commandery Knights Templars of Ohio, the day and year above written.

W. T. WALKER,
Grand Commander.

Attest:

JOHN N. BELL,
Grand Recorder.

I have had several responses from both dispensations, showing that many Commanderies availed themselves of the privileges granted.

VISITATIONS.

Friday, December 14.—Visited Defiance Commandery No. 30, at Defiance, and had the honor and pleasure of installing its officers; found everything in good shape there as usual; attended a banquet, in which the ladies of the Sir Knights participated, after which the young people enjoyed themselves and all seemed happy.

Thursday, February 7, 1888.—Visited Sidney Commandery No. 46, at Sidney, for the purpose of inspection. This being the first anniversary of this Commandery, it proved a joyous occasion. The Commandery was present in full uniform, and a number of visitors, among whom I had the pleasure of greeting Eminent Sir W. S. Hufford, Grand Warder; Eminent Sir Calvin Halliday, of Lima; Eminent Sir C. E. Marlott and Eminent Sir J. H. Nicholson, of the Grand Jurisdiction of Indiana; Eminent Sir E. H. Johns, of Lima, and Eminent Sir Wm. Lawrence, of Bellefontaine, and a number of Sir Knights from neighboring Commanderies. I was accompanied by Eminent Sir J. A. Stipp, Sirs F. R. Williams and Clifford Buxton, of Toledo.

Work in the order of Red Cross commenced at 4 P. M., and was conducted in good form with appropriate scenery, robes, etc., after which the usual banquet. At 7:30 P. M., Commandery opened in the Order of the Temple, and with two

candidates. The opening exercises were in full form, including rehearsals of officers' duties—all well done, as also the rendition of the work throughout, accompanied by music when permissable. The whole rendition was of a high order, and creditable to the Eminent Commander, Officers and Sir Knights of Sidney.

The financial affairs of the Commandery are in excellent condition; the room, paraphernalia, etc., first-class, and the reunion arranged for in connection with the inspection, a perfect success. Sidney numbered that evening ninety-eight members, and the Commandery deserves the highest enconium.

May 17, 1889.—Visited and inspected Defiance Commandery No. 30, at Defiance, Ohio; found the Commandery in its usual first-class condition, enthusiastic, prompt and energetic. The *personel* of the highest order. Officers and Knights have evidently given attention to the ritualistic work of the Order. Commandery opened in full form, and in a very creditable style. The Order of the Temple was conferred in an appropriate manner, and in accordance with the ritual. The Prelate's work, by Past Eminent Commander Jas. J. Green, was rendered in an impressive manner, and all passed off pleasantly. The financial condition of the Commandery is good, and the organization a decidedly successful one.

June 21, 1889.—Visited Trinity Commandery No. 44, for the purpose of inspection. Its Council of Knights of the Red Cross convened at 3 P. M., and conferred the order on a candidate, after which the Commandery assembled at the Gibson House and partook of an elegant lunch, to which your Grand Commander was invited. At 7 o'clock Commandery opened in the Order of the Temple, and for the first time conferred the Order in their elegant apartments in the Scottish Rite Cathedral. Throughout the entire service of the Order the work was admirably rendered, with scenic effects and music, and in a manner which places Trinity Commandery on an equality with any Commandery in the State. In this connection permit me to refer to the new home of Trinity. The Asylum is situated on the ground floor of the Cathedral, is spacious in size, and is equipped with a complete set of scenery adapted to the proper conferring of the Orders, and is

decorated throughout with designs in oil, and with stained glass windows. The paraphernalia and ante-rooms are convenient, and in excellent taste. The scenery for conferring the Orders, usually temporary in Commanderies, and needing to be changed to meet the exigencies of the occasion, are here permanent, so that the Order can be conferred without a moment's delay or interruption from any cause whatever. In fact, I cannot imagine a more perfect arrangement possible.

With these facilities, and after the officers become accustomed to the arrangements, I can see no reason why the Commandery or Commanderies occupying these quarters should not be able to render the work perfectly in every part. It should be visited and inspected to comprehend its excellence and thorough appropriateness.

The financial condition of the Commandery is in very good shape, and the future of Trinity Commandery is assured.

I had the pleasure of meeting Right Eminent Sir E. T. Carson, Eminent Sir W. B. Melish, Grand Generalissimo; Eminent Sir L. F. Van Cleve, Grand Prelate, and the Eminent Commanders of Hanselman No. 16, and Cincinnati No. 3, besides many other Sir Knights; and I have to acknowledge very many acts of kindness and attention from all. Particularly I wish to place on record that I was taken by Sir Melish to the bedside of Eminent Sir Theodore F. Nieman, who but a few days later was called from labor "to the Mansion not made by hands eternal in the Heavens." He seemed very much pleased at seeing me, and was at that time quite hopeful, though resigned. I appreciate this particular kindness, which enabled me to see and hold a few minutes converse with one who in the past was a loved associate, and with whom I have spent many pleasant hours.

June 19.—Visited and inspected Norwalk Commandery No. 18, at Norwalk. The members were nearly all present in full uniform, and made a good appearance. Commandery opened in full form, and in very good style. The rehearsal of duties by the officers was well done. They did not have a candidate, but utilized their latest accession to the part. The ritualistic work was in good form, and considering the oppressive heat of the evening, well performed.

I found the rooms, paraphernalia, etc., appropriate and in good order, and their finances, records, etc., in the best possible condition. On the whole, Norwalk No. 18 is a sound, well officered Commandery, in a healthy condition, and fully up to my expectations.

I have to thank the members for many acts of attention and Knightly courtesy on the occasion of my visit.

NEW COMMANDERIES.

On the application of a number of Sir Knights residing at Findlay, where the resident Knights number over forty (40), and are said to represent fourteen Grand Jurisdictions (that city having attained the very respectable size of about twenty thousand inhabitants), and with the consent of Shawnee Commandery No. 14, at Lima, I deemed it in the interests of Templar Masonry to grant their petition, and issued a dispensation to form and open a Commandery at Findlay. A petition for a charter will be presented at this Grand Conclave, which I beg to recommend to your favorable consideration.

Since granting the dispensation I am in receipt of a protest from De Molay Commandery No. 9, at Tiffin, which I present herewith, and ask its reference to the Committee on Charters and Dispensations.

Again, on the application of some forty Knights residing in and near Wooster, and with the consent of Massillon Commandery No. 4, I granted a dispensation to form and open a new Commandery at Wooster. A petition for a charter will be presented to you, which I hope will have favorable consideration.

The Knights composing this Commandery, U. D., are, I am informed, anxious to go to the Triennial Conclave at Washington.

In both the cases referred to, the Knights who have obtained the dispensations reported appear to me to be active and energetic, and to be imbued with the requisite force of character, as well as love for Templar Masonry, to enable them to successfully sustain Commanderies of the high order usual in Ohio.

After having had considerable correspondence with Sir Knights of Zanesville in relation to their application for a dispensation to form a Commandery at that place, and having ascertained that the Chapter there is presided over by a Cerneau Mason, I came to the conclusion that I could not conscientiously grant them a dispensation. I do not believe that members of a higher body could possibly do that, which as members of the lower bodies they failed to do; namely, cleanse them from the contamination of irregular Masonry. While the applicants themselves might have personally and collectively used their influence to rid the lower bodies of the bad influences referred to, or preferred charges against the High Priest elected by the Chapter, and thus prevented his installation (as I suggested they ought to do), as a Commandery they could do very little, and might possibly drift into a state of quiescense that would ultimately lead to the demise of the Commandery, if not a worse fate. A stream cannot be pure if its source of supply is impure. Under the circumstances indicated above, I felt it my duty to refuse a dispensation, and cannot even recommend a hearing of the case at this Grand Conclave.

COMMANDERY RETURNS.

On account of the comparatively early date set for this Convocation, I caused to be issued the following General Order:

GENERAL ORDER No. 4.

GRAND COMMANDERY KNIGHTS TEMPLARS OF OHIO,
OFFICE OF THE GRAND COMMANDER,
TOLEDO, OHIO, June 26, A. D. 1889, A. O. 771.

To the Eminent Commanders and Sir Knights of Subordinate Commanderies, Knights Templars of Ohio — Greeting:

I. WHEREAS, The Templar year ends on the 31st day of July, and the Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery occurs this year on the 14th day of August, thus affording very little time for consolidating returns and preparing statistics by the Grand Recorder; the Sir Knight Recorders are hereby ordered to forward all returns and dues of their respective Commanderies to the Eminent Grand Recorder *immediately after the last conclave in July*, and in no case must they be delayed beyond the 3d day of August, proximo.

Eminent Commanders will see that this order is promptly executed in their Commanderies at the time appointed.

W. T. Walker,
Grand Commander.

Attest:
John N. Bell,
Grand Recorder.

During my administration I have been the recipient of many courtesies and invitations; most of the latter I have been reluctantly obliged to decline on account of my health and the severe mental duties of my position as a public officer; none, however, without regret and a full appreciation of the kindness manifested. In the performance of the duties incumbent on me I have endeavored faithfully to discharge them to the best of my ability, and without prejudice toward any. I present this record with hopes of your approval, and assure you if any error in judgment appears, you will ascribe it to the head rather than the heart.

Sincerely hoping the great Architect of the Universe will guide your deliberations, and that your choice of my successor will redound to his glory, and to that of our beloved Order, that peace and good will may ever dwell within our borders, and unity and love abide with us, I subscribe myself,

Yours in the bonds,

Grand Commander.

Sir Knight Henry Perkins, Deputy Grand Commander, then read his annual report:

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

V. Eminent Deputy Grand Commander.

Officers and Members of the Grand Commandery Knights Templars of Ohio:

Eminent and Esteemed Fraters—In conformity with an established custom of this Grand Body, I have the honor at this time to submit a report of the official acts performed by me since our last annual conclave, upon which occasion you paid me the distinguished compliment of electing me to the office of Deputy Commander, and for which kindly and esteemed favor I desire to extend to you upon this, the first opportunity offered me, my sincere fraternal thanks.

In compliance with General Order No. 1, issued by Right Eminent Grand Commander Sir Wm. T. Walker, bearing date October 20th, last, I made official visits to and inspections of the several Subordinate Commanderies courteously assigned me thereby, upon the dates following:

Reed Commandery, stationed at Dayton, March 19.
Mansfield Commandery, stationed at Mansfield, April 15.
Mt. Vernon Commandery, stationed at Columbus, April 25.
Clinton Commandery, stationed at Mt. Vernon, April 30.

A full report of these several official inspections has been duly transmitted in detail to the Right Eminent Grand Commander, and by him acknowledged.

In obedience to Special Order No. 1, issued by Right Eminent Sir Walker September 20, in conformity with your expressed desires by formal resolutions adopted at our last Annual Conclave, I proceeded to Toledo, Ohio, October 22d, last, and there met by appointment all the members composing the Triennial Committee, and upon which occasion, as you have been advised by official circulars issued October 29, the said committee was duly organized. I again, by request of Right Eminent Sir Walker, had the pleasure of meeting for conference this Triennial Committee at Cincinnati, Ohio, February 21, and have held several meetings of the Subordinate Committee on Badges or Triennial Sou-

venirs, of which I have the honor of being Chairman, and a report of said Subordinate Committee has been sent to each Commandery of this Grand Jurisdiction under date of June 1st, last.

Under date of November 7, I had the pleasure, by request of my own home Commandery, Akron No. 25, of installing its officers.

On Sunday, June 9, I received a telegram from Right Eminent Sir Walker, announcing, much to my surprise and great sorrow, the demise of our late Frater and beloved comrade, Right Eminent Sir Frederick H. Rehwinkel, which occurred at his home, Chillicothe, Ohio, Saturday morning, June 8. With the sad announcement came a request that I attend and participate in the funeral obsequies incident to the burial of our distinguished Frater, and in accordance with said request I proceeded to Chillicothe Tuesday night, June 11, reaching there Wednesday morning, June 12, and upon my arrival found that Eminent Sir Huntington Brown, Grand Captain General, aided by Eminent Sir Martin J. Houck, Grand Senior Warden as Chief of Staff, had preceded me, and had, in a complete and satisfactory manner, arranged all the details for the funeral, which was held Wednesday afternoon, June 12.

The occasion brought together many Eminent Sir Knights and distinguished Fraters from every Masonic circle in the State, to pay tribute to the memory of one widely known and universally beloved by all who came in contact with him. Among the number to attest by their presence their affectionate regard for their fellow comrade, I noticed our Chief Executive of State, Governor and Sir Knight J. B. Foraker, Right Eminent Sir Enoch T. Carson, Commander in Chief of Ohio Consistory of the A.·.&.·.A.·.S.·.Rite; Right Eminent Sir LaFayette Lyttle, who, by special request of the deceased, made some time since in person, acted as Prelate; Right Eminent Sir H. H. Tatem, a warm personal friend and intimate associate of the deceased; Right Eminent Sirs C. C. Keifer and A. F. Vance; Companion J. W. Iredell, Grand High Priest of Grand Chapter R. A. M. of Ohio; S. Stacker Williams, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge F. & A. M., and many others who were intimately identified with him in his Templar and Masonic life and service.

In the absence of the Right Eminent Grand Commander, I, by virtue of authority in me vested, assumed command, and promptly at 2 o'clock P. M., in the Asylum of Chillicothe Commandery No. 8, Knights Templars, opened a Commandery of Knights Templars, the several offices being filled with present officials and members of the Grand Commandery as follows:

Sir Henry Perkins . . . . . Grand Commander.
Sir L. W. Buckmaster . . . . . Deputy Commander.
Sir Wm. B. Melish . . . . . Generalissimo.
Sir Huntington Brown . . . . . Captain General.
Sir LaFayette Lyttle . . . . . Prelate.

Sir Martin J. Houck .....Senior Warden.
Sir John P. McCune .....Junior Warden.
Sir H. H. Tatem.....Treasurer.
Sir A. O. Howe.....Recorder.
Sir J. A. Warner.....Standard Bearer.
Sir W. M. Meek..... .....Sword Bearer.
Sir J. A. Stipp ..... Warder.

Immediately following the opening of the Grand Commandery the lines were formed, under the direction of Eminent Sir Huntington Brown, Grand Captain General, who was ably assisted by Eminent Sir M. J. Houck, Grand Senior Warden, and Eminent Sir John P. McCune, acting Grand Junior Warden, in the following order:

Drum Corps, G. A. R., of Chillicothe.
A. L. Brown Post, G. A. R., of Chillicothe.
Eintracht Singing Society, of Chillicothe.
First Regiment Band of Cincinnati.
Cincinnati Commandery No. 3, Knights Templars.
Mt. Vernon Commandery No. 1, Knights Templars.
Calvary Commandery No. 13, Knights Templars.
Athens Commandery No. 15, Knights Templars.
Wittich's Band of Circleville.
Scioto Commandery No. 35, Knights Templars.
Chillicothe Commandery No. 8, Knights Templars.
Officers of the Grand Commandery in carriages.
Officers and members of Ohio Consistory in carriages.
Officers and members of Grand Chapter in carriages.
Officers and members of Grand Lodge in carriages.
Governor J. B. Foraker and attendants in carriages.

The column thus formed moved promptly at 2:30 P M. to the late residence of the deceased, where the remains were received in due form, and accompanied by the family and mourning relatives and friends were conveyed to St. Paul's Episcopal Church, where they were received by the Rector, Rev. Charles L. Fisher, who conducted in a very impressive manner the regular Episcopal service for the dead, after which followed the beautiful and significant ceremonial of our Templar Order, and a very appropriate and emotional service rendered by Commander E. T. Carson, on behalf of Ohio Consistory A.·.& A.·.S.·.Rite, in which a glowing tribute of praise was paid the deceased, who well deserved all that was said in commendation.

At the conclusion of the services at the church the lines were reformed in prescribed and regular order, and marched to the "silent city of the dead" overlooking the beautiful and picturesque valley that lay beneath, and there the services were completed. A. L. Brown Post,

G. A. R., Eintracht Society and Scioto Lodge F. & A. M., also participated in committing to the earth the remains of one who in life was an exemplary Mason, and a true exponent of Templar principles. Chillicothe Commandery and the following Sir Knights, Right Eminent Sir H. H. Tatem and Sir Knights Isaiah Lord, W. A. Wayland, W. B. Mills, F. M. DeWeese and Matthew H. Watt, who acted as pall bearers, constituted a special guard of honor.

It has been my pleasure to receive during the year many courteous invitations to attend Templar gatherings, most of which I have been obliged to decline, but which I desire herewith to acknowledge with fraternal thanks.

Very respectfully and courteously submitted,

Deputy Grand Commander.

Reports of Commandery Inspections.

Report of Sir Henry Perkins, Deputy Grand Commander.

AKRON, OHIO, May 1, 1889.

RT. EM. SIR WM. T. WALKER, *Grand Commander, Toledo, Ohio:*

RIGHT EMINENT SIR—In obedience to your commands, as promulgated in your General Order No. 1, bearing date Oct. 20th, last, and complying with the requirements of your esteemed commission to me addressed, under date of Dec. 15th, I have made official visits to and inspected the several subordinate Commanderies courteously assigned me, and beg herewith to submit my report and statement of expenses incurred.

REED COMMANDERY, NO. 6.

March 19th, last, I visited Reed Commandery, No. 6, stationed at Dayton, Ohio, Em. Sir W. B. Anderson commanding. Upon my arrival at the station I was most cordially received by Em. Sirs Eli Fasold, John N. Bell, M. J. Houck and G. B. Harman, and by them escorted to the Phillips House for lunch, and from thence to the asylum of the Commandery, where, upon my admission, I was very courteously welcomed with the proper honors due me as your representative, and found in waiting about 150 Sir Knights assembled in a sanctuary conjointly occupied with other Masonic Bodies, and which in the matter of appointments and appurtenances is not excelled by any within this Grand Jurisdiction.

Promptly at 4 o'clock P. M. a Council of the Red Cross was opened, and the Order of Knight of the Red Cross was conferred upon several postulants in a very impressive and creditable manner, and during the progress of which a bountiful collation was spread, such as Reed Commandery is famed for, and such as would have been regarded as a fitting and sumptuous feast by the Nobility of Darius' Court.

At 8 o'clock a Commandery of Knights Templars was opened with full ceremonials, including inspection of lines, review and rehearsal of duties which were executed in a very complete and eminently satisfactory manner, after which I witnessed an exemplification of the work in the Temple and Malta Orders under the direction of Em. Sir Ander-

son and his faithful allies, and which was done in a very commendable manner, and with the exception of a very few minor details, to which attention was called, was in strict accordance with the prescribed ritual, all the regular officers being present and in their respective stations; the Order of Malta being conferred under the supervision of Em. Sir M. J. Houck, our popular Grand Senior Warden. I had the pleasure of greeting many Sir Knights of other jurisdictions as guests of the Commandery.

The records, which in the hands of Sir Scheffel, Recorder, are very neatly and accurately kept, show a present membership of 287. Seven Sir Knights have been created since last report to the Grand Commandery with two others duly elected for the orders to be conferred upon them.

The financial condition of the Commandery is such that all outstanding obligations can be met and leave a balance in the treasury. In addition it has to its credit in what is termed a Life Membership Fund, a balance of nearly $1,000, amply secured and so established that the income from which only, can be used for current expenses. At the time of inspection 27 members were reported as in arrears for dues. Since then, however, I have been advised that 16 of these delinquents have paid their dues, and proper steps have been taken to adjust the balance with the others.

Mansfield Commandery, No. 21.

April 15th, accompanied by Em. Sir A. Latham, of Akron Commandery, No. 25, it was my pleasure to visit and inspect Mansfield Commandery, No. 21, stationed at Mansfield, O., Em. Sir H. M. Alvord commanding. We were courteously received upon our arrival at the depot by Em. Sir Huntington Brown, Gr. Capt. Gen'l, and Em. Sirs J. E. Brown and Wm. Ackerman, to whom I desire to acknowledge sincere obligations in behalf of my companion and self for special favors shown during our brief but very enjoyable visit. The occasion was graced by the presence of Em. Sir W. F. Baldwin, P. E. C., of Clinton Commandery, No. 5, Mt. Vernon, Ohio. The Commandery assembled promptly at 8 o'clock, and welcomed me in a cordial and courteous manner with all the honors due me as your representative. I found in waiting about 40 Sir Knights, most of whom were in full Templar costume, and after my formal admission and welcome the Commandery under the direction of Em. Sir Alvord proceeded to the labors of the evening in strict accord with the instructions given in your General Order No. 1, and without particularizing, I am pleased to say that in the ceremonial opening, which was executed in full form, and the conferring of the orders, the work was exceedingly well done and with but slight deviation, in strict conformity to the prescribed ritual; Em. Sir J. E. Brown conferring the Order of Malta.

The Commandery has a present membership of 146, two having been created since last report to the Grand Commandery. The dues are all collected, debts all paid, but the balance in the treasury is hardly visible to the naked eye except at short range. After closing the Commandery all present enjoyed a sumptuous feast prepared for the occasion.

Mt. Vernon Commandery, No. 1.

On April 25th, last, I had the pleasure of paying my respects in my official capacity as your representative to Mt. Vernon Commandery, No. 1, stationed at Columbus, Ohio, Em. Sir Wm. H. Darrah commanding, being accompanied from Akron, where I took the train, by Sir Knight D. N. Kinsman, of Columbus, and upon our arrival at Orrville we were joined by Em. Sir Huntington Brown, Grand Capt. Gen'l, and at Mt. Vernon our party was still further augmented by the addition of Em. Sir Wm. M. Koons, and Sir Knights W. J. McFeely and R. S. Hull of Clinton Commandery, No. 5.

Upon our arrival at Columbus we were very cordially received by a committee from the Commandery, and, as previously arranged, I was conducted under the escort of Sir Knight Hamrick to the hospitable home of Sir Knight Wm. H. Lott, from which place, after partaking of a bountiful and tempting supper, we repaired to the asylum of the Commandery, where I found awaiting my arrival about 75 members of the Commandery, and several Sir Knights from each of the following Commanderies: Clinton, No. 5, Athens, No. 15, Raper, No. 19, Garfield, No. 28, and St. Lukes, No. 34, making a total present of about 100 Sir Knights, most of whom were in full Templar regalia.

After my reception, which was with proper courtesies due me as your accredited deputy, I witnessed a formal opening of a Commandery of Knights Templars in ample form as prescribed, and which was executed so perfectly in every particular that it precluded the possibility of criticism, as under the direction of its Capt. Gen'l, Em. Sir Chas. S. Ammel, who stands at the fore front of competent drill masters, it fully sustained its standard of excellence so deservedly established, every movement being marked with such precision as to receive so justly the high encomiums pronounced by all inspecting officers in the past, and fully met upon this occasion. The Commandery is well equipped with all the necessary paraphernalia and appliances usually found in a well appointed asylum, but as to space is somewhat limited in its several apartments. The work in the conferring of the Orders of Temple and Malta, following the formal opening under the direction of Em. Sir Darrah, was very impressively and well done, all the regular officers being in their respective stations and each doing his particular part, except in a few slight deviations, in strict conformity to the prescribed form of the ritual.

The records of the Commandery, to which they point with pardonable pride, are commended as models of neatness and accuracy being

in every detail perfect and complete, and to the faithful and efficient Recorder, Sir Knight W. E. Joseph, I desire to extend by this, my sincere thanks for the beautiful and complete statement furnished me, being a full and elaborate record of the work of the Commandery during the administration so far, together with a roster, financial statement and transcript from the records covering the inspection and assembly, which I shall ever cherish as a valued souvenir of my very pleasant visit and from which I glean the following summary:

Number of members returned on last Grand Reports		251
Knights created since last Grand Reports		18
Admitted " " "		4
Reinstated " " "		17
		290
From which deduct—Demitted	2	
Died	4	
Expelled for non-payment of dues	5	
		11
Present membership		279

In addition they have three companions duly elected for the orders and seven other petitions in the hands of an investigation committee. Eleven of their members are in arrears for dues, but promise to pay before next regular conclave. The financial condition of the Commandery is very good, having about $2,000 in its treasury and endowment fund. After the Commandery closed in short form, all present enjoyed the pleasure and privilege incident to the customary banquet.

Clinton Commandery, No. 5.

April 30th I had the pleasure, as per appointment, of visiting Clinton Commandery, No. 5, stationed at Mt. Vernon, Ohio, Em. Sir Wm. M. Koons commanding. Upon my arrival I was very kindly greeted with a cordial welcome by Em. Sir Koons and Sir Knight Samuel Peterman, and by them conducted to the asylum of the Commandery, which is conjointly occupied with other Masonic bodies, and well furnished in all its several appointments with proper equipment for effective work. I was very cordially welcomed upon my admission to the asylum with the customary formal courtesies extended me as your representative, by Em. Sir Koons and the Sir Knights, and found in waiting about 50 present, nearly all in full Templar uniform, and among whom I was again pleased to meet as guests of the Commandery our Grand Capt. Gen'l, Sir Huntington Brown, of Mansfield, and Em. Sirs John P. McCune and Dr. D. N. Kinsman, of Columbus.

After witnessing a formal opening of a Commandery of Knights Templars, which was very creditably done, the Commandery proceeded

under the direction of Em. Sir Koons to confer the Orders of Temple and Malta; Em. Sir Alexander Cassil conferring the Malta Order. The work was done in so impressive and dignified a manner as to hold the closest attention from beginning to close; each officer and Sir Knight bearing his part so well and holding his lines so close to the prescribed ritual as to leave no room for criticism or comment save to elicit words of commendation and praise. The solemn and impressive ceremonials of the order were enhanced by the appropriate and emotional music rendered by a select quartette consisting of J. De B. Kays, C. E. Remiss, Guy Baker, and S. E. Reynolds, of Kenyon College, Gambier, Ohio.

The records of the Commandery show a present membership of 109, among whom is numbered the highly esteemed and venerable Em. Sir Jonathan Burr, who has the distinguished honor of being elected as the first Grand Captain General of the Grand Commandery of Ohio, at its organization in 1843, and who is still a very loyal and zealous Templar and Mason.

Since last official report to the Grand Commandery two Knights have been created, dues of all members have been properly adjusted, debts all paid, and a substantial balance of about $2,000 invested in what is known as a "Masonic Home," being the building in which their asylum is situated, and which, in conjunction with the other Masonic bodies of the city, they contemplate purchasing as a permanent Masonic Home.

After the closing of the Commandery, in company with a number of other Sir Knights, we repaired to the residence of Em. Sir Koons, and were entertained in a princely and hospitable manner by the courteous and genial Eminent Commander and his estimable wife, who had prepared an elaborate spread of tempting viands, such as weary pilgrims desire, and to which full and complete justice was done, same being a very impressive and pleasant supplement to the efficient work witnessed in the asylum of this zealous and model Commandery.

With renewed assurance of Knightly and personal esteem, I have the honor, Right Eminent Sir, to subscribe myself with great respect,

Your obedient servant,

HENRY PERKINS,

Deputy Grand Commander.

Report of Em. Sir Wm. B. Melish, Gr. Generalissimo.

CINCINNATI, OHIO, July 8, 1889.

RIGHT EM. SIR W. T. WALKER, *Grand Commander, Toledo, Ohio:*

RIGHT EM. SIR—In accordance with your General Order No. 1, dated October 20, 1888, assigning to me, for inspection, Oriental Commandery, No. 12, Calvary Commandery, No. 13, Garfield Commandery, No. 28, and Palestine Commandery, No. 33, Knights Templars, I have the

honor to report that in each case your orders have been obeyed. A detailed report of each inspection is submitted herewith.

Oriental Commandery, No. 12.

(Stationed at Cleveland, O.)

I visited Cleveland on March 14, 1889, for the purpose of inspecting Oriental Commandery, No. 12, K. T. In the afternoon the Recorder of the Commandery, Sir J. H. Asplin, met me, by appointment, and submitted the records and books of the body for examination. All of the books and documents pertaining to Sir Asplin's office were found to be in the best of order. The Commandery is in splendid financial condition, having assets of the value of over twelve thousand dollars, consisting of cash, stocks, paraphernalia and asylum properties. The property is kept insured, a precaution, by the way, which should be required of every Commandery by law of the Grand Commandery. As is well known, Oriental Commandery occupies elegant and commodious quarters in the Masonic Temple, and is therefore admirably equipped for the work of the orders. In the evening the Commandery was opened in full ceremonial form by Em. Sir W. T. Robbins and his regular official corps. Large numbers were present, the majority of the members of Oriental being uniformed. The floor tactics were carefully exemplified, and reflected credit upon the members participating, and upon the Captain General, Sir J. W. Vanderwerf. The Order of the Temple and the short form of the Malta work were admirably conferred, with a due regard for the ritual, and an appreciation of the beautiful and lasting lessons of the Orders that almost forbade criticism. All of the small details of the work, so essential in producing the proper impression upon the postulant, were in capable hands. Music lent its magic charm to the other beauties of the work. To mention by name all those who are entitled to praise would be but to print the names of *all* the officers. My instructions being to inspect Commanderies I will leave individuals to shine in the reflected glory of their Templar *Alma Mater*. On the occasion of the inspection of Oriental Commandery there were present a number of Past Grand Commanders, Past Commanders, the Grand Treasurer, and also large delegations from Holyrood, No. 32, Forest City, No. 40, Akron, No. 25, Salem, No. 42, Warren, No. 39, Massillon, No. 4, and Cache, No. 27, each being in charge of the Eminent Commander of the bodies named. So large an attendance was complimentary to the representative of the Grand Commander, and was highly appreciated by that officer and by the Commander, officers, and fraters of Oriental Commandery. The pleasures of the evening were concluded at the banquet table. The inspecting officer is glad to commend, not only the condition, but also the work of "No. 12," which still leads the Commanderies of Ohio in point of numbers and is the peer of any in influence, work, and knightly courtesy.

Calvary Commandery, No. 13.

(Stationed at Portsmouth, O.)

On the evening of April 16th, last, I had the pleasure of greeting the Knights of Calvary Commandery, No. 13, of Portsmouth, and of inspecting the condition of that body. A hearty welcome greeted me and the Knights accompanying me, and our short stay was made most pleasant in the home of Past Commander Jno. H. Warner. An examination of the financial standing of the body showed a healthy condition. Although numbering a little less than one hundred swords the Commandery has a surplus of about twelve hundred dollars. The property is insured. The rooms are nicely adapted to the Templar work. The records are correctly kept, and show that the Commandery has no delinquents in the matter of paying dues. After opening the Commandery in full ceremonial form, and in the presence of some forty Knights, the work of conferring the Order of the Temple was commenced. Em. Sir Sam'l M. Johnson is surrounded by a corps of officers who are competent and give him able and intelligent support. The work proceeded with smoothness and regularity, being noticeable for an almost absolute following of the ritual, especially on the part of the presiding officer. The amount of work done annually is necessarily small, and the officers are entitled to all the more credit for perfecting themselves in the ritual. At the close of the Templar work, the Order of Malta was conferred in short form by the Generalissimo Sir O. T. Dewey in a commendable manner. The few criticisms on the work made by the inspecting officer were gratefully received, the Sir Knights showing a desire to "live and learn." The usual table courtesies marked the closing hours of the evening, and both inspector and inspected felt that it had been a season of mutual help and encouragement. Calvary, No. 13, can be depended upon to maintain the glory of the Order in her jurisdiction.

Palestine Commandery, No. 33.

(Stationed at Springfield, O.)

On the 10th of May, 1889, I had the honor and pleasure of representing you, and inspecting Palestine Commandery, No. 33, K. T. Arriving in the Champion City in the afternoon, I was met at the depot by the principal officers of the Commandery and made to feel at home immediately. Repairing to the office of the Recorder of Palestine, Sir Jno. M. Carey, I made an examination of the Commandery records and books finding them admirably kept. The Commandery has paid off all its indebtedness, alluded to in the last inspection report, and has a good balance in its treasury. During the year a net increase of twenty-eight members has been made, and Palestine, No. 33, seems on the high road to Templar and financial prosperity. Its rooms are admirably adapted to the work and can be further improved at slight expense. The prop-

erty and paraphernalia are kept insured. In the evening, although it was a torrid one, forty-five Sir Knights presented themselves in full uniform. The Commandery was opened in full form and in a commendable manner. The work of conferring the Order of the Temple was such as to deserve praise and hearty commendation. Em. Sir Samuel Harford is a good ritualist and sees that every officer is fully up in the work, down to the smallest detail. Such comments on the work, and the manner of conferring the degree, that the inspecting officer had to make, were received with a desire to emulate the good example of others in securing uniformity in ritual and exemplification. The short form of the Malta work was conferred. As usual on all inspection occasions this work came at a late hour, and made little or no impression upon any one. I take the liberty of suggesting that, in the future, it shall not be obligatory upon any Commandery to confer the Order of Malta upon inspection occasions unless convenient, but that it be deferred for some special occasion when a number of candidates can receive it. As usually conferred it makes a very prosy ending to the beauty and solemnity of the Order of the Temple. At the close of the work all present repaired to the banquet room and forgot the heat and lateness of the hour in social intercourse until low twelve.

Garfield Commandery, No. 28.

(Stationed at Washington C. H., O.)

It was the 7th of June before Garfield Commandery, No. 28, could fix upon a date for their annual inspection.

I visited Washington C. H. on that day, meeting with that cordial welcome which characterizes all of the subordinates of our jurisdiction. Upon examination I found the records and books of the Commandery, as kept by P. Em. Commander Richard Millikan, in first class order. The collection of dues is looked after closely, and the body is in a good financial condition. The property is insured, the rooms are well adapted to the work, it being the intention to add to the paraphernalia and scenes necessary to the work. In the evening the Commandery was formally opened in full form by the Eminent Commander, Sir F. M. Black, assisted by his regular corps of officers (with the exception of P. Em. Sir Al. O. Howe, who acted as Captain General pro tem.)

Considering the lateness of the season, the heat of the evening and the fact that the membership is widely scattered the attendance and appearance of the Knights and their rehearsal of the duties was commendable. Commanderies that have but little opportunity for drill cannot possibly present a fine appearance in the maneuvers of the tactics. The work of conferring the Order of the Temple was admirably done by the Generalissimo of the Commandery, Sir W. N. Allen. There was but slight cause for criticism, as every part of the degree had been carefully rehearsed. The officers frankly state that, not being fully satisfied with former inspections, they had made a special effort to

confer the orders in a manner creditable to their Commandery. They certainly succeeded, both to the satisfaction of the Inspecting Officer and to the candidate, who was deeply impressed. At the close of the Order of the Temple the short form of the Order of Malta was read. After the work a lunch was discussed, enlivened by short speeches.

In conclusion, Right Eminent Sir, I found that my lines had fallen in pleasant places in my appointments for 1889. Having inspected nearly one half of the Commanderies in Ohio during the past five years I am satisfied that there has been a great improvement in the past few years. The Commanderies show a commendable spirit of emulation. They are beginning to understand that inspections mean "business," and are always ready to receive suggestions about the work, or friendly criticism regarding their manners and methods. Heaven forbid that the Grand Encampment disturb this happy condition of uniformity and discipline by the adoption of a new ritual. I am glad to accord to all the bodies which I had the honor to inspect the highest respect for you as Grand Commander and for myself as your representative.

I beg to remain, courteously yours,

W. B. Melish,
Grand Generalissimo.

Report of Em. Sir Huntington Brown, Gr. Capt. General.

Mansfield, Ohio, July 10, 1889.

Sir William T. Walker, *Rt. Em. Grand Commander, Toledo, Ohio:*

Rt. Em. and Very Dear Sir—In pursuance of your General Order No. 1, and by authority in me vested by your commission, dated December 15, 1888, as your representative for the visitation and inspection of such Subordinate Commanderies assigned to me, I beg leave to report:

Salem Commandery, No. 42.

On the 9th day of April, 1889, I visited Salem Commandery, No. 42, being accompanied by Sir Wm. H. DeLong, of Mansfield Commandery, No. 21, and upon arrival at Massillon we were joined by Em. Sir Z. T. Baltzley, Sir Knights G. L. Ryder, H. C. Dielheim, and Frank Shallenberger, all of Massillon Commandery, No. 4, and at Canton and Alliance we were joined by Sirs Geo. W. Lawrence, Past Em. Commander of Canton Commandery, No. 38, and J. N. Frazer, Past Commander of Oriental Commandery, No. 12, Cleveland, Ohio. On arrival at Salem we were met by Em. Sir Robt. V. Hampson, and escorted to our hotel quarters.

In the evening, at 7:30, the Sir Knights assembled at their asylum, and a Commandery of Knights Templars was opened in full form, which was done with great precision, showing that they were fully acquainted with the work. After Commandery was declared opened,

they proceeded to confer the Orders of Knight Templar and Knight of Malta upon one postulant.

Although Salem Commandery is one of the youngest Subordinate Commanderies in this Grand Jurisdiction, yet in this work she ranks with any Commandery as to rendering the ritual correctly.

With such a veteran at the head as Eminent Sir R. V. Hampson "good work and square work" was expected, and in it I was not in the least disappointed.

"To err is human," so with Salem Commandery, but the errors were small and of minor importance, so that I make no report of these, but called their attention to them, and feel as stated before that the ritual was rendered as nearly perfect as could be found in any Commandery, and certainly in a manner calculated to leave lasting impressions upon the minds of the postulants.

Their asylum is ample and exceedingly convenient, and since their last inspection they have added one room as an armory, banquet-room, and kitchen.

One very gratifying feature found in Salem Commandery, is the harmonious feeling existing within their asylum walls, which carries out the spirit and letter "of who best can serve and best agree."

Another is the rapid growth. Salem Commandery has had its charter but two years, starting with twenty-seven members, U. D., and the night of my inspection, including the postulant, they numbered an even 100 in all. And to me another exceedingly gratifying feature about it all, is the character of its members, showing very emphatically that the Sir Knights of Salem Commandery "guard well their outer door."

There were present in full uniform,	72
No. of Knights created since last Grand Commandery Report,	7
No. expelled or suspended,	none
No. in arrears for dues,	2
No. struck from roll for non-payment of dues,	2
Total membership including the candidate,	100
Amount of cash on hand,	$202 94

The regular conclave in July has been appointed for the purpose of taking action upon the two Knights who are in arrears for dues.

After the orders were conferred the Commandery was closed, and the Sir Knights attended a banquet in Music Hall, given by the ladies of the Presbyterian Church, to which all did justice. It being quite late the usual speeches following a banquet were dispensed with.

Toledo Commandery, No. 7.

On Friday, the 3d of May, as per my appointment, I started for Toledo, accompanied by Sir A. J. Mack, of Mansfield Commandery, for the purpose of inspecting Toledo Commandery, No. 7, arriving there

about ten o'clock in the morning, when we were met by Sir Mervin Jackson and escorted to the Masonic Temple.

The balance of the day was spent in renewing our acquaintance with the Sir Knights of Toledo Commandery, and as the day was beautiful we enjoyed our calls exceedingly. At four o'clock in the afternoon we were invited to a banquet at the "Draconian Club," given by the members of "Alkoran Temple," meeting in Toledo, and consisting of Sirs M. C. Robinson, Isaac Reed, Sebre Waring, Clifford Buxton, Jos. A. Stipp and Mervin Jackson. The repast was elegant and your representative certainly did you credit at this spread if no where else. It certainly placed me under great obligations to these Sir Knights for the princely manner in which they entertained me, and convinced me that the "Maumee Tribe" is a credit to Toledo Commandery, and are true representatives of what Toledo Commandery is for all that is Knightly, courteous and becoming in gentlemen and Knights Templar. It is such gatherings as this that makes Templarism what it is, and helps to make life's burdens easier by leaving pleasant memories for future reflection and friendships that never end on this side of the grave.

At seven o'clock, accompanied by these Sir Knights as a guard of honor, who had promised me upon entering the confines of their domain to "protect my life and property from all but themselves," I was escorted to the asylum of Toledo Commandery, where I was received with the most marked attention and with all the honor becoming your station. The minutes of their regular conclave having been disposed of they immediately proceeded to open in full form, and the precision with which each command was executed was not only pleasing, but showed that all of the officers, as well as the Knights in rank, had given this work careful attention. The asylum was certainly in "suitable array for the dispatch of business and the reception of candidates." After the Commandery was opened in form and so declared by Em. Sir C. E. Armstrong, and there being no objections, the orders of Knight Templar and Knight of Malta were conferred on Knight of the Red Cross W. E. Cratz, and in a manner such as Toledo Commandery has a world wide reputation for doing.

It is human to err, and so, in some of the work here, there were a very few and very slight mistakes made, but so slight I hardly feel like criticising. Toledo Commandery is certainly blessed with a good corps of officers, and aided by the Sir Knights in rank, this work was done equal to any I have had the pleasure of witnessing, and any candidate receiving these orders of Knighthood in the asylum of Toledo Commandery should be envied and certainly congratulated. The asylum of Toledo Commandery is elegant in its appointments and conveniently arranged, and I know of no asylum its superior.

No. Knights present, all uniformed, - - - - - - -	65
No. Knights created since Grand Commandery report, - -	3

No. Knights admitted to membership,	1
No. of deaths during past year,	3
No. of Knights expelled or suspended,	none
No. of Knights in arrears for dues,	19

And up to the night of my inspection nothing had yet been done, and they stood on the books as members in good standing. This was the only serious point I found, and as your instructions were explicit on this one point, I felt it my duty to so report. I was informed, however, that this evening was the last night of grace, and those who were in arrears for dues after this date would be dealt with according to the law as prescribed.

Total membership,	253
Cash on hand,	$86 76

There were in attendance this evening Past Grand Commander LaFayette Lyttle, and it was also our pleasure to be honored by the presence of our Rt. Eminent Grand Commander; also Em. Sir Leander Burdick, Grand Master, and Past Commander Barton Smith.

My visit in Toledo shall long be remembered and I desire to again return my heartfelt thanks to Em. Sir Armstrong and the Sir Knights heretofore mentioned and to all the Knights of Toledo Commandery for the exceedingly courteous and Knightly hospitality extended to me.

Cincinnati Commandery, No. 3.

At the same time I communicated with the other Commanderies assigned to me I also corresponded with the Em. Com. of Cincinnati Commandery, No. 3, and the night of April 26 was agreed upon for my visitation. Subsequently, however, I received a letter from Eminent Sir H. T. Kent saying that owing to extensive repairs to their asylum he would be obliged to ask a postponement of my visit. I granted them further time, and finally Friday, May 31, was the date selected.

Accordingly, I left Mansfield on the night of the 30th, arriving in Cincinnati on the morning of the 31st, where I was met at the station by Past Commander J. H. Bromwell and escorted to the hotel. I am certainly greatly indebted to him, not only for the great courtesy extended to me upon my arrival, but for other attentions given me while inspecting Cincinnati Commandery, which enabled me to make a more precise and complete report.

The day was passed in visiting the Sir Knights of Cincinnati, which is always a pleasure, and in every instance received the Knightly courtesy and attention that Cincinnati Knights Templars are noted for.

In the evening I was waited upon by Sir Sullivan, Generalissimo of Cincinnati Commandery, and escorted to the asylum, which, as you are aware, is still in the old Masonic Temple, where I found a very large attendance of its members assembled, together with quite a number of Eminent Sir Knights from this and other Grand Jurisdictions.

At eight o'clock promptly I was received with all the honors due me as your representative, and without any further delay a Commandery of Knights Templars was opened in full form, which was correctly done, and certainly with great credit to all who participated, showing that every officer was well acquainted with his work. The military portion of this work was excellent, and how else could it be when under the command of Sir Jas. A. Pettibone, its very efficient Captain General. The movements throughout were not only correct, but uniform and prompt, and showed conclusively that Cincinnati Commandery, No. 3, was used to this part of the work.

There was no regular business transacted, so that immediately after the Commandery was declared open in full form Red Cross Knight Royal C. Hart was introduced, and the orders of Knight Templar and Knight of Malta were in due course of time conferred upon him. As in all of the Commanderies visited by me, so with Cincinnati, No. 3, a few slight errors occurred, which were in this instance so slight that I deem it unnecessary to mention in my report. It was indeed a pleasure to be present and witness these orders conferred in the manner they were, and I can not speak too highly of the very efficient corps of officers who all had their work so well in hand, and convinced me that the fame of Cincinnati Commandery, No. 3, for having "wise and accomplished Masons" was well earned and richly deserved.

The pleasantest report I have to make is, that while for the past few years there has been discord and strife within the walls of their asylum, which at times has seemed as though it would result in serious trouble to its members, as well as to Templarism in general; yet, after sober thought and council, this cloud has drifted by, and to-day there is none of this feeling existing and harmony is now restored, and peace and good will reign within its asylum walls.

This I carefully inquired into and I received the assurance that all was harmonious, and I was fully convinced that such was the case when I saw such a large number of Knights in attendance this evening and such marked attention given throughout the entire work.

There were present this evening, - . - - - - - -	91
No. of Knights uniformed, - - - - - - - - -	51
No. of Knights not in uniform, - - - - - - - -	40

Out of this entire number of 91 there were 25 Knights present who were visitors, the balance being all members of Cincinnati Commandery.

Among the distinguished visitors present on this occasion were:

Em. Sir Wm. B. Melish, Grand Generalissimo; Em. Sir L. F. Van Cleve, Grand Prelate; Rt. Em. Sir E. T. Carson, Past Grand Commander; Em. Sir Charles H. Fiske, Grand Captain General of Kentucky; Sirs J. H. Bromwell, E. S. Runnells, John A. Slattery, W. H. Woodward and H. L. Stanton, Past Commanders of Cincinnati Commandery, No. 3; Sirs T. J. Melish, George McMiller and L. C. Harris,

Past Commanders of Hanselmann Commandery, No. 16; Sirs Joseph Kirkup and Wm. Avery, Past Commanders of Trinity Commandery, No. 44; Sir F. M. DeWeese, Past Commander of Chillicothe Commandery, No. 8; Sir F. M. Cunningham, Em. Commander of Miami Commandery; Sirs W. T. Walker and Frank Rothier, Past Commanders of Covington Commandery, and Sir W. H. Gayle, Past Grand Junior Warden of Kentucky.

No. of Knights created since last report,	6
No. of Knights admitted to membership,	1
No. of deaths,	3
No. of Knights expelled or suspended,	none
No. of Knights in arrears for dues,	4
No. of Knights expelled or suspended for non-payment of dues,	none

There has been no action taken in regard to the four (4) Sir Knights reported in arrears for dues.

The total membership of Cincinnati Commandery at this time is 320, of whom about 100 are non-residents.

The number of contributing members is about 260. The remainder are exempt from payment of contributions under the by-laws.

Its present available assets are, cash,	$1,580 36
Invested in 4 per cent. city bonds,	1,500 00
Loans and unpaid contributions,	32 00
Fixtures, estimated worth,	3,000 00
Liabilities, being balance expenses for repairing, amounting to about,	1,000 00

Since the burning of the Masonic Temple the asylum of Cincinnati Commandery has been in poor condition, but this spring there have been extensive repairs placed within the asylum and they had just been finished a few days prior to my visit; new carpets, furniture newly upholstered and walls redecorated and painted throughout the several apartments of their asylum.

These different rooms consist of Red Cross room, Prelate's room, Armory, Banquet Hall and Tent room, besides the asylum proper.

These are all distinct from each other and all handsomely refinished and reornamented appropriate to their particular use. They now have everything as complete and handsome as any asylum within this Grand Jurisdiction.

The total expense of repairing was $2,500, all of which has been paid by the Commandery, and yet it has the very handsome surplus as above stated.

This Commandery will complete in October its first 50 years of existence, having been organized in 1839, and during this time has furnished five Grand Commanders of Ohio, of whom two are now living, Rt. Em. Sirs E. T. Carson and H. H. Tatem.

It is certainly a record that this Commandery may well be proud of.

These apartments are rented for a term of ten years by Cincinnati Commandery exclusively, at an annual rental of $520.

Erie Commandery, No. 23.

On the 18th day of April, 1889, I visited Erie Commandery, No. 23, stationed at Sandusky, Ohio, accompanied by Sirs C. F. Ackerman and E. A. Such, both of Mansfield Commandery, No. 21.

On arrival at Sandusky we were met at the depot by Em. Sir E. M. Colver, Grand Junior Warden, and Sir T. L. Williams, who escorted us to our hotel quarters. The afternoon was spent in a drive and visit to the celebrated "Castalia Brook Trout Club," for which very interesting and pleasant recreation we were under great obligations to these two Sir Knights.

At eight o'clock in the evening the Knights of Erie Commandery were convened at their asylum and a Commandery of Knights Templars opened in full form, which was done creditably.

Thereupon one postulant was presented for the orders of Knight Templar and Knight of Malta.

All of the officers being present and all well up in the ritual, the work was done in an exceedingly creditable manner, showing that Erie Commandery was well acquainted with this work.

The work was greatly enhanced by the singing of their quartette. Their quarters are very commodious, having a large asylum and plenty additional room for Armory, Banquet Room, Council Chamber, &c. The rooms are occupied jointly by the other Masonic bodies.

Notwithstanding these very excellent quarters, the Masons of Sandusky have decided to build a "Masonic Temple," and have broken ground and started to build. In less than one year they expect to have the "Temple" completed, and when it is, it will not only be a credit to themselves, but to Masonry in general. With this kind of material within the ranks of Erie Commandery it is not astonishing that we should find the same zeal characterizing their work.

No. of Knights present, all uniformed,	34
No. of Knights created since last Grand Commandery,	3
No. of Knights admitted to membership,	2
No. of Knights expelled or suspended,	none
No. in arrears for dues,	none
Total membership,	109
Lost by death,	1
Amount of cash on hand,	$364 25

We had the pleasure of meeting this evening Em. Sir E. M. Colver, Grand Junior Warden; Past Commanders Sirs Lewis Lea, Thomas L. Williams and Edwin Gillard, to all of whom I am indebted for courtesies shown and for which I desire to express my thanks.

After the orders were conferred we were invited to a banquet given in their hall and which we all enjoyed. This was followed by a few speeches.

In closing my report I not only desire to return my heartfelt thanks to Cincinnati Commandery, No. 3, but to all of the Commanderies assigned to me this year, for the exceedingly courteous and Knightly attention which they universally extended to me on the occasion of inspections. In every instance have I found true Knightly honor existing, and harmony and loyalty to the Grand Commandery of Ohio.

With assurance of my Knightly regards

I am courteously yours,

HUNTINGTON BROWN,
Grand Captain General.

Report of Em. Sir L. F. Van Cleve, Grand Prelate.

RT. EM. SIR W. T. WALKER, *Grand Commander K. T. of Ohio:*

COLEMAN COMMANDERY, No. 17.
(Stationed at Troy, Ohio.)

In accordance with previous arrangement I visited and inspected Coleman Commandery, No. 17, on the 11th of March. Before opening the Commandery was drawn up for inspection. Whereupon I assumed command and announced your order and the purpose of my visitation at the head of the column. I then ordered the Commandery to be opened in full form and the work to proceed.

I need not repeat what is so well known throughout our jurisdiction, the fact that the apartments occupied by our fraters at Troy are both commodious and elegant.

Sirs John S. Patterson, E. C., and T. J. Gibbs, Sen. W., were not present. Sir T. M. Wright, Past E. C., and present Generalissimo, presided, and P. E. C. Sir A. W. Arnold acted in his stead, while Sir T. M. Campbell substituted for the Senior Warden. The opening of the Commandery was fairly well done, and although there was a pretty full attendance a considerable proportion of the sixty neglected to appear in uniform—a negligence which always detracts, and was specially objectionable on such an occasion. The records, under the hand of Sir J. L. Brump, are neatly and accurately kept, on account of which fact I commended them openly. The Treasurer, Sir Noah Yount, presents an accurate account. His books show that the Commandery has a cash balance of more than $900, a circumstance which may account for a number of delinquencies in paying dues. Having called attention to this fact a number came forward and squared their accounts, and I am informed that since then nearly every one has done so, and that the books will be squared at the close of the Templar year.

The orders of the Temple and Malta were conferred quite well, but several verbal slips occurred in minor parts, to which I called attention at the close of the work. The hymn, "He Dies, the Friend of Sinners Dies," &c., was replaced by a chant, so beautiful and so impressively sung that I condoned that fact, and spoke of it in warm terms of appreciation, notwithstanding the departure from "the book."

A delightful banquet closed a very agreeable social interview with friends, personally cherished for many years. Loyalty to the Grand Commandery and graceful courtesy to its representative may always be expected, and has not been lacking in the past, nor withheld on this occasion.

Past Grand Recorder, Sir James Nesbitt, continues to reside in Troy and his health does not improve. He has the sympathy of all the community.

Ohio Valley Commandery, No. 24.

Upon my assignment to the duty of inspecting Ohio Valley Commandery, No. 24, stationed at Pomeroy, I made haste to arrange the time for the same with the hope of paying my official visit at "The Rose" Commandery, No. 44, stationed at Gallipolis, on the evening preceding or following. Not finding such an arrangement at once practicable, I appointed the 18th of April and proceeded to the city of Pomeroy on that day, arriving there at 3 P. M. I had the records delivered into my hands at the hotel, and occupied my time before the hour of meeting in carefully examining the same. They are kept in plain chirography—make a clear record of the proceedings and contain an intelligible account with each individual member. Sir W. L. Downie is the Recorder and Sir S. W. Seebohm Treasurer. Both of these officers deserve approval and commendation.

The books show that there is about $400 in the treasury and that the Commandery is out of debt. Scrutinizing the accounts of individual Knights I found quite a number were in arrears for dues; four had been suspended for non-payment of dues, and in two cases dues had been remitted for good cause shown on the book. Since then $46.25 has been collected and two more have been entered as suspended. The books are now square.

The following complete list of officers were all present and *each did his own work*—a circumstance well worthy of note and commendation:

OFFICERS.

W. A. Race,	Eminent Commander.
E. F. Feiger,	Generalissimo.
L. O. Cooper,	Captain General.
L. H. Lee,	Prelate.
George W. Plantz,	S. Warden.
E. D. Davis,	J. Warden.
A. W. Seebohm,	Treasurer.

W. L. Downie, - - - - -	Recorder.
W. H. Davies, - - - - -	Standard Bearer.
David Lark, - - - - - -	Sword Bearer.
C. C. Williams, - - - - -	Warder.
J. H. Hysell, - - - - - -	Sentinel.

Em. Com. Sir W. A. Race ordered the Commandery to present itself for inspection, whereupon I announced my appointment and purpose at the head of the column, ordered that the Commandery should be opened in full form and the orders of K. T. and Malta conferred upon a postulant then in waiting. This order was at once complied with in a manner both expeditious and satisfactory. Abating a few verbal omissions or lapses hardly worthy of mention the ritual was well rendered in every part. In his adherence to the ritual in its revised form, and in his easy and graceful manner of presiding, Em. Com. W. A. Race was particularly happy and successful. The Prelate, Sir L. H. Lee, rendered his part of the ritual very impressively, but adhered mainly to the old form. The remaining officers performed their less prominent parts very satisfactorily, when we take into the account the fact that their apartments are scarcely adequate. Nearly all the Knights appeared in uniform and performed the floor work quite well. The courtesies due to the representative of the Grand Commandery were gracefully extended and by me duly acknowledged. The general deportment of the Sir Knights of Ohio Valley Commandery was both courteous and dignified, and I name the fact with much pleasure, feeling assured that it might be imitated with profit in some places.

There were also present Past Eminent Commander Sir C. H. Grosvenor, of Athens, and Sir G. W. McBride, Generalissimo of "The Rose" Commandery.

Lancaster Commandery.

(Stationed at Lancaster, Ohio.)

On the 22d of April, according to appointment, I went to Lancaster and was met at the train by Past Em. Grand Generalissimo Sir J. W. Lewis and Sir C. W. Mathews, of Lancaster Commandery, who courteously accompanied me to the hotel, where I found Eminent Commander S. S. Conner in his commodious bachelor apartments.

Lancaster Commandery is indeed venerable and has ever been an honored elder brother in our Templar family.

The Commandery was called to order, I was introduced, announced my commission and purpose and ordered the work to proceed, whereupon it was opened in full form. The apartments are sufficient, but could be improved with little outlay, so as to render them much more convenient. The Treasurer, Sir George L. Eckert, gives bond in the sum of $500, which I approved as a very commendable prudence. His books are well kept and show a small cash balance in the treasury besides property worth perhaps $2,500.

Sir C. W. Matthews, the Recorder, presented records, which are full, plain, neat and entirely satisfactory. Every member was square on the books, and a touching fact appeared in them. Sir Charles S. Foreman had died, and his widow, desiring his name to remain on the roll, begged to continue the payment of his dues.

Sir Matthews has prepared a roster of every officer that has ever held office in the Commandery, the office and date of his service and a complete record of every Sir Knight that is or ever has been a member.

The orders of the Temple and Malta were conferred on one postulant. The work was in accord with the prescribed form in most respects, and parts of it rendered quite impressively. The officers were all, except the Treasurer and Sword Bearer, in their places, and did not transfer their responsibilities to substitutes, as is done too frequently. The list is as follows:

Sir S. S. Conner, - - - - -	Eminent Commander.
Sir H. E. Becker, - - - - -	Generalissimo.
Sir M. Palmeter, - - - - -	Captain General.
Sir Lee Bilhorn, - - - - -	Prelate.
Sir Christ. Gaeser, - - - - -	S. Warden.
Sir J. C. Hart, - - - - -	J. Warden.
Sir George L. Eckert, - - - -	Treasurer.
Sir C. W. Matthews, - - - -	Recorder.
Sir J. H. Rhodes, - - - - -	Standard Bearer.
Sir J. J. Wolfe, - - - - -	Sword Bearer.
Sir E. H. Hall, - - - - - -	Warder.
Sir Daniel Kyner, - - - - -	Captain of Guard.

The floor work was not as good as is due from that grand old Commandery, and at the close I took the liberty of criticising and making suggestions in such manner as I deemed of profit and in fulfillment of the purpose of the Grand Commandery in ordering these inspections.

The fervent loyalty of this body to Templar Masonry is worthy of remark and commendation, and I am persuaded that the influence of Past Em. G. Sir J. W. Lewis has long been felt as a most wholesome stimulus to the rest.

The presence of the "greatest gas well in the world" is an exciting fact in the minds of all the city, and was an uppermost consideration. Some time will be required for the people to adjust themselves to the new conditions, and even Masons may be somewhat turned in their minds thereby, even to the neglect of important Masonic duties.

The Rose Commandery.

(Stationed at Gallipolis, Ohio.)

After some delay April 25th was agreed upon and designated for my official visit and inspection. Having arrived in due season I was courteously conducted to excellent quarters in Prospect Hotel of that city

by Sir G. D. McBride and was waited upon by Em. Com. H. R. Bradbury and Sirs John C. Vanden, Recorder, and Charles Regnier, Treasurer, who delivered to me the records of the Commandery.

The Treasurer's book is a clear, distinct and well kept record. It shows the Commandery indebted in the amount of $200, the same being about $300 less than last year. The property of the Commandery is estimated to be worth $1,200, which, considering the age of this organization, I considered quite satisfactory.

The books of Secretary Vanden are a model of neatness and accuracy and are not anywhere excelled. None have been suspended for non-payment of dues, and all save one are square on the books. This condition of things I took pains to commend before the entire Commandery.

The candidate upon whom it was intended to confer the orders of Red Cross, Knight Templar and Knight of Malta had been rejected at the regular meeting on the previous night, thus causing no little embarrassment. A substitute was procured, however, and with him the work in the orders of the Temple and Malta were exemplified.

The following are the officers:

Sir Horace R. Bradbury, - - -	Eminent Commander.
Sir Samuel A. Dunbar, - - -	Generalissimo.
Sir George D. McBride, - - - -	Captain General.
Sir John Moncure, - - - -	Prelate.
Sir William B. Shober, - - - -	S. Warden.
Sir Simpson D. Cowden, - - -	J. Warden.
Sir Charles Regnier, - - - -	Treasurer.
Sir John C. Vanden, - - - -	Recorder.
Sir Eli G. Alcorn, - - - - -	Standard Bearer.
Sir David R. Howell, - - - -	Sword Bearer.
Sir W. P. Small, - - - - -	Warder.
Sir Alvin T. Brown, - - - -	Captain of Guard.

All except one or two in subordinate positions, and who were out of the city, were in their places and the work was satisfactorily exemplified, the officers adhering very closely to the revised form of the ritual. It was evident, however, that the ease and accuracy so desirable in rendering our beautiful ceremonies could not be fully attained where most officers are new and candidates few. The opening and closing ceremonies were performed very creditably and far better than is usually witnessed, even in our old Commanderies. The asylum is an excellent hall, but the other apartments are somewhat cramped. Still, by some clever expedients, the work was rendered quite impressively. The Knights were all in uniform, their deportment during the evening was dignified and gentlemanly, and the deference shown to the representative of the Grand Commandery was courteous, loyal and befitting.

HIGHLAND COMMANDERY, No. 31.

(Stationed at Hillsboro, Ohio.)

After some delay the 16th of May was finally agreed upon for my official visit and inspection. Upon my arrival I was met by P. E. Com. Sir J. R. Callahan and the present E. C., Sir R. T. Trimble, who extended to me all due courtesies during my stay. The following is the list of officers, every one of whom was present, occupied his official station and performed the duties thereof:

Sir R. T. Trimble,	Eminent Commander.
Sir William Hoyt,	Generalissimo.
Sir P. H. Work,	Captain General.
Sir William M. Meek,	Prelate.
Sir Cotton Mather,	S. Warden.
Sir C. A. Hixson,	J. Warden.
Sir George W. Barrere,	Treasurer.
Sir J. R. Callahan,	Recorder.
Sir W. H. Hague,	Standard Bearer.
Sir E. Shockley,	Sword Bearer.
Sir W. C. Cowman,	Warder.
Sir J. B. Rowe,	Sentinel.

The Commandery was opened and closed with full ceremony, and abating a few points, as to position for review, was executed excellently. The work was in the Order of the Temple, and although the first performed by several of the officers, deserves the commendation which I gave at the close. Our Grand Standard Bearer, Sir William M. Meek, was present and in his place, according to his long established custom, and gave a worthy example to younger men. The ritual was carefully adhered to and left no room for criticism on that account. Because of the lateness of the hour and the distance several Sir Knights would have to travel by private conveyances to reach their homes I excused them from rendering the Order of Malta and left it until two candidates would be ready for it.

The excellent apartments owned and occupied by this Commandery are well known and have received a commodious addition suited to banquets and other purposes. The high character of almost every one of the fifty-five men whose names are on the roster renders this Commandery one in which we may all feel a becoming pride. Every Sir Knight appeared in a clean and full uniform. The deportment of each was dignified and becoming.

The records are carefully kept and the revenues closely collected, except in a few cases where fraters live at great distances or are abroad. No schisms or predilections for strange altars have disturbed their peace, and a manly loyalty with true Masonic conservatism holds undisputed sway.

A delightful collation without speeches closed this my last inspection for the year.

The cordiality with which I have been received everywhere, and the consideration accorded me have almost forced me to forget that I was simply a representative of that august body in whose name and with whose authority I appeared, and to imagine that mine was a call upon personal friends. Should I hereafter claim and treat them as such I trust it will be as agreeable as our official intercourse has been.

L. F. Van Cleve,
Eminent Grand Prelate.

Report of Em. Sir M. J. Houck, Grand Senior Warden.

Dayton, O., June 27, 1889.

Rt. Em. Sir W. T. Walker, *Grand Commander, Toledo, Ohio:*

Rt. Em. and Dear Sir—In accordance with your General Order No. 1, and by virtue of the commission issued by you, I have the honor to report in detail the result of my visitations and inspections of the several Subordinate Commanderies assigned to me.

Pursuant to previous arrangement on Tuesday, April 16th, unaccompanied, I visited Steubenville Commandery, No. 11, stationed at Steubenville, Ohio.

On my arrival I was met at the station by Em. Sir H. M. Priest, Eminent Commander, and Sir Geo. Moore, Prelate, who escorted me to the hotel and showed me most marked and courteous attention during my stay in Steubenville.

Previous to the meeting of the Commandery I met with the Recorder, Past Em. Sir Ross White, who gave me full opportunity to examine the records and books, and full information regarding the condition of the Commandery. The records are well kept and show a membership of 119, dues well collected and proper action taken upon delinquents. The Commandery is clear of debt and has a fund of $1,800 in the hands of the Treasurer, showing a good financial condition.

I observed that under the present administration careful attention is being paid to the statutes, rules and regulations, and a manifest desire is exhibited to avoid all irregularities, produced, no doubt, by the observation and action of our Past Grand Commander, Past Rt. Em. Sir F. H. Rehwinkel, during his visit of inspection on May 23d, 1888.

On my admission to their asylum I was duly received and acknowledged as your representative and accorded a most hearty and cordial welcome. I found all the regular officers at their stations and there were thirty-six Sir Knights present, all in Templar costume.

The Commandery was opened in due form with inspection and rehearsal of officers' duties, the review being omitted.

The officers were all prompt in their responses, but the military evolutions, sword manual and drill were somewhat lacking, but when it is remembered that this Commandery has a scattered membership it could hardly be expected that they would measure up in this particular with more favored Commanderies in larger cities.

The orders of Knight Templar and Malta were conferred upon two candidates in a very creditable manner. The work of the Em. Commander, Sir H. M. Priest, and Sir Geo. Moore, Prelate, was rendered with impressiveness and good effect.

Em. Sir H. M. Priest is an earnest, zealous Templar, and has infused some enthusiasm into this Commandery.

After the close of the evening's work followed the banquet and the interchange of Knightly sentiment and expressions of fealty and loyalty to the Grand Commandery of Ohio.

I was impressed with the Knightly bearing and courteous conduct of the fraters of this Commandery. Harmony and good feeling prevails, and a desire among the Sir Knights that Steubenville, No. 11, should take rank along with the other Commanderies of the State.

Holyrood Commandery, No. 32.

(Stationed at Cleveland, Ohio.)

The day following my inspection of Steubenville Commandery being April 17th, I proceeded to Cleveland, O., for the purpose of inspecting Holyrood Commandery, No. 32. I was met at the station by Em. Sir W. K. Ricksecker, Past Em. Sir H. W. Hubbard and Sir R. D. Hughes (my old time frater of Reed Commandery, who is now a resident of Cleveland, Ohio). These Sir Knights escorted me to the Weddell House as the guest of Holyrood Commandery.

In the evening I had the pleasure of meeting the Sir Knights of Holyrood Commandery and a large number of visitors assembled in their beautiful asylum in the Masonic Temple and witnessed the conferring of the orders of the Temple and Malta.

As your representative I was received with all the honors and courtesies due upon such an occasion.

The Commandery was opened with full ceremonies and the inspection review and rehearsal of officers' duties executed in a manner so admirable that it elicited words of commendation from your representative. The silent manual of the sword, under the direction of Sir J. H. Peck, Captain General, was an interesting feature and in harmony with the impressive ceremonies of our Order.

The orders of Knight Templar and Knight of Malta were conferred upon one candidate by the Em. Commander, Em. Sir W. K. Ricksecker, ably assisted by the several officers, who exhibited thorough familiarity with their duties. The ritual was strictly followed and the impressive ceremonies of the order made more effectual by the dignified and unhurried work of the Eminent Commander, ably seconded by the earnest

and impressive delivery of J. S. White, Prelate. The rendition of beautiful and appropriate vocal music by the Cleveland Temple Quartette was another feature that added much to the enjoyment of the occasion.

The asylum of the Commandery has been recently frescoed, under the direction of Past Em. Sir Sam. Briggs, and its historical illustrations and neatness make it a model of beauty, and one of the handsomest halls in the State.

The books and records of the Commandery are well and accurately kept by Sir Knight J. C. Selby, Recorder, showing a membership of 274, having created sixteen Sir Knights since last report. The Commandery is in a good financial condition, having some $553.89 in the hands of the Treasurer, and an investment of $2,750 in Templar stock. No liabilities.

Among the distinguished visitors present on this occasion were Past Rt. Em. Sir C. E. Stanley, Em. Sir J. B. Parsons, Grand Treasurer, and Em. Sir G. H. Robinson, Grand Sword Bearer; Past Em. Sir C. A. Woodward, Em. Sir W. T. Robbins and nine Sir Knights of Oriental Commandery, No. 12; Past Em. Sir F. W. Pelton, Em. Sir L. W. Day and fourteen Sir Knights of Forest City Commandery; Past Em. Sir G. W. Lawrence and seven Sir Knights of Canton Commandery, No. 38.

After the close of the Commandery the Sir Knights repaired to the banquet room and enjoyed a feast of good things.

I desire to make grateful acknowledgments to the Sir Knights of Holyrood Commandery for their courteous and generous hospitality.

Hanselmann Commandery, No. 16.

(Stationed at Cincinnati, Ohio.)

On the evening of Friday, April 26th, I visited Hanselmann Commandery, No. 16, stationed at Cincinnati, Ohio, and witnessed the conferring of the orders of the Temple and Malta.

There was a good attendance of both members and visiting Sir Knights, nearly all of whom were in Templar costume.

The Commandery was opened in full form with rehearsal of officers' duties, inspection and review. The military exercises, under command of Sir Bottenger, acting as Captain General *pro tem.*, were performed creditably.

The orders of Knight Templar and Knight of Malta were conferred upon a Knight of the Red Cross by Em. Sir O. L. Perrin, Em. Commander, in an impressive manner. He was ably assisted by his various officers, and the earnest and dignified work of the Prelate, Past Em. Sir John B. Peaslee, was particularly commendable.

The Commandery is to be congratulated on having secured the occupancy of rooms in the Scottish Rite Cathedral as their asylum, but owing to their but recent occupation, the officers experienced some difficulty and delay in regard to arrangement of furniture and paraphernalia, so that the Commandery did not appear at its best on this occasion.

When the officers get more familiarized with their rooms the work will go along more smoothly. However, the work of the evening was well done, and the various officers manifested painstaking efforts to render the ritual work impressively. Harmony and good feeling appear to prevail and the differences heretofore existing in this Commandery are being happily overcome, and soon this time honored Commandery will again take a leading place among the Commanderies of Ohio.

Among the distinguished visitors present were Past Rt. Em. Sir E. T. Carson, Past Very Em. Sir Charles Brown, Em. Sir W. B. Melish, Grand Generalissimo; Past Em. Sir W. R. Avery and Em. Sir Joseph Kirkup and a large number of the members of Trinity Commandery, No. 44.

The records and books of the Commandery were submitted to me for inspection by the Recorder, and I found them neatly and accurately kept, dues well collected and action taken upon delinquents. The finances are in fair condition, having a surplus of a few hundred dollars in the hands of the Treasurer.

After the close of the Commandery followed the banquet and a feast of good things prepared for the occasion.

I desire to testify to the courteous and generous hospitality accorded to your representative, and my especial thanks are due to Past Em. Sir L. C. Harris for courteous attention.

Scioto Commandery, No. 35.

(Stationed at Circleville, Ohio.)

In accordance with arrangements previously made your representative paid an official visit to Scioto Commandery on May 30th, accompanied by Past Em. Sirs Al. O. Howe and Edward J. Light, of Garfield Commandery, No. 28. We were cordially received by a committee on our arrival at the station and escorted to the hotel as guests of Scioto Commandery.

The date of my inspection happening to fall upon Ascension Day, I was informed that the Commandery had attended divine services in the early part of the day with a goodly number of their members.

The Commandery opened promptly at 7 o'clock P. M. There were present thirty-four Sir Knights all in Templar costume.

The weather, doubtless, prevented others from being present, it being very inclement, having rained with alternating showers the entire day and evening.

The inspection of the lines and review were omitted in the opening ceremonies, but the rehearsal of officers' duties and the other exercises were creditably performed.

The Order of the Temple was conferred upon one candidate. The ritual was closely followed and impressively rendered. The work of the Eminent Commander, Em. Sir I. N. Abernethy, being marked with

earnestness, and that of the Prelate, Past Em. Sir S. W. Courtwright, was particularly commendable.

The Order of Malta was conferred in short form by Past Em. Sir S. B. Evans. I found their asylum a large and commodious room, with adjoining apartments well adapted to the work and supplied with the necessary furniture and paraphernalia.

The books are neatly and accurately kept by Sir Milton Morris, Recorder. The records show three or four delinquents for the Templar year, and when attention was called to the fact the Recorder promised that the proper action would be taken at their next stated conclave. The Commandery is in good financial condition, having a small surplus in the treasury and an investment in Masonic Temple stock.

This Commandery has a membership of seventy-nine Sir Knights, all thoroughly loyal to the Grand Commandery of Ohio.

After the Commandery had been closed we repaired to the banquet hall, where an elegant and tasteful collation of viands had been prepared by the ladies, who shared with the Sir Knights and added much to the pleasure of the occasion.

In closing my report I can not refrain from extending my thanks to the officers and members of the Commanderies which I visited for their uniform courtesy and hospitality.

I was everywhere received with marked and distinguished consideration as the representative of the Grand Commander.

I have endeavored at all the inspections made by me to point out deficiencies, correct errors and suggest improvements to the best of my ability, all of which were apparently well received.

With continued assurance of my Knightly and personal regard I beg to remain, Right Eminent Sir,

Fraternally and courteously yours,

M. J. Houck,
Grand Senior Warden.

Report of Em. Sir E. M. Colver, Grand Junior Warden.

Sandusky, O., June 24, 1889.

Rt. Em. Sir Wm. T. Walker, *Grand Commander, Toledo, Ohio:*

Rt. Eminent and Dear Sir—I have the honor to report that, in pursuance of General Order No. 1, dated October 20th, 1888, and by virtue of the commission issued by you as Grand Commander, I have discharged the duties assigned me and herewith submit my report of the condition and work of the several Commanderies visited and inspected.

DeMolay Commandery, No. 9.

(Stationed at Tiffin, Ohio.)

On the evening of April 24th, 1889, accompanied by Past Eminent Commander T. L. Williams, of Erie Commandery, I visited and inspected DeMolay Commandery, No. 9.

The Commandery was opened with full ceremony by Eminent Commander Sir Charles E. Davis, assisted by his regular corps of officers.

The rehearsal of officers' duties, inspection and review were not up to the standard that this Commandery, by its seniority of age and rank, should take and hold among the subordinate Commanderies of Ohio.

The orders of Knight Templar and Knight of Malta were conferred upon one candidate with a complete rendition of the work as prescribed by the ritual, by the regular officers-elect of the Commandery.

The work of nearly all the officers was excellent, from the Commander, Sir Charles E. Davis, to the Sentinel, which position was filled by Sir J. W. Chamberlain, Past High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Ohio, with a zeal and earnestness that marks all his Masonic work.

The records of this Commandery present a creditable showing of the financial condition and standing of the membership.

Sir A. A. Cunningham, Recorder, may justly be proud of his books.

The total membership in good standing is - - - - - -	103
In arrears for dues - - - - - - - - - -	none
Cash in treasury - - - - - - - - - -	$291 21

The Commandery has an investment of nearly $4,000 in furniture and paraphernalia, and their asylum is well adapted for Templar work.

The courtesy extended to your representative by the Sir Knights of "Old DeMolay" was justly appreciated and warmly acknowledged.

Raper Commandery, No. 19.

(Stationed at Urbana, Ohio.)

On the evening of April 30th, 1889, as previously arranged, I visited Raper Commandery for the purpose of inspection, and was most courteously received by Eminent Sir Hagenbach, Past Rt. Eminent Grand Commander Keifer and the members of the Commandery.

The Commandery was opened with full ceremonial, review, inspection and rehearsal. The promptness, efficiency and special attention paid to detail work by the officers deserves the highest commendation. The orders of the Temple and Knight of Malta were conferred upon the Red Cross Knight by Eminent Sir Hagenbach and his corps of officers in a creditable and impressive manner, every officer conforming strictly to the ritual, and the work of the Prelate, by Past Eminent Sir Hitt, left no room for criticism. The equipments of the Commandery for conferring the order are complete, and the books and records of the Recorder are in good form and neatly kept. The financial condition of the Commandery presents no indebtedness, with $800 in the treasury.

I find from personal inspection no member in arrears for dues. Since last report this Commandery has lost two Eminent Templar Masons, Sir Knights A. F. Vance and J. F. Wilson. The latter the first Eminent

Commander of the Commandery, and the former for eleven years Prelate of this Commandery, a father in Templar Masonry and of Rt. Eminent Past Grand Commander Sir Vance of this jurisdiction. They have left life records in the good works that live after them, and will prove enduring examples of loyalty and devotion to their surviving fraters.

This was not my first visit among the Sir Knights of Raper Commandery, and therefore the kindly greeting and royal hospitality we received at their hands left nothing to hope for not realized.

Warren Commandery, No. 39.

(Stationed at Warren, Ohio.)

On Friday evening, April 26th, 1889, I visited and inspected Warren Commandery, No. 39, stationed at Warren, Ohio.

The territory included within the jurisdiction of this Commandery is one of the oldest and most prosperous in Ohio, and includes many Sir Knights eminent in the past history of Masonry.

On my arrival at Warren I was most courteously received by Eminent Commander Sir George H. Taylor and Past Eminent Sir S. F. Bartlett, right royal Knight Templars.

This Commandery has a membership of eighty-five in good standing, no Sir Knight being in arrears for dues, with $200 in the treasury and no indebtedness. And while limited in its jurisdiction, being surrounded by three live, growing Commanderies, Youngstown, No. 20, Massillon, No. 4, and Salem, No. 42, Warren Commandery is justly entitled to the rank it maintains among the sister Commanderies of Ohio.

The work of conferring the Order of the Temple and the Order of Knight of Malta was very well rendered, all the officers being proficient in their parts. This Commandery has an elegant and spacious asylum, and all the accessories necessary to a full and complete rendition of the work, which was finely rendered and with a strict adherence to the ritual by all the officers. It would be useless to report in regard to any special portion of the work where all did so well.

The lessons of the Order were given with a zeal and earnestness that could not fail to make a deep and lasting impression on the candidate. Knightly courtesy is the natural characteristic of all the Sir Knights of Warren Commandery, while peace and loyalty are watchwords in their conclaves.

St. Luke's Commandery, No. 34.

(Stationed at Newark, Ohio.)

I would further report that on June 4th, 1889, accompanied as usual by my guard, Past Eminent Sir T. L. Williams, I visited and inspected St. Luke's Commandery, No. 34, stationed at Newark, Ohio.

On our arrival we were kindly greeted by Eminent Sir Neal and

placed under special obligations by Eminent Sirs S. Stacker Williams and D. C. Winegarner.

The Commandery was opened in full form with a rehearsal of officers' duties, inspection and review. The work in the orders was finely rendered, all the officers being proficient in their parts.

When we consider the ordeal that Templar Masonry has passed through, within the jurisdiction of this Commandery, the zeal, earnestness and fealty of its membership deserve the highest commendation from every true Knight of Ohio. Eminent Commander Neal and his associate officers may justly claim the merit of unwavering loyalty. "St. Luke's" is destined to take the high rank and standing the old Commandery held and maintained in the Grand Commandery of Ohio. Its present membership (forty-four) is rapidly increasing, it has no delinquents, while its financial standing, and the fidelity and promptness of the Sir Knights insures it eminent success in the future. The high and well deserved standing among their fraters of the members of this Commandery will soon place it again in the front rank in Ohio.

The fine rendition of the work in the order of the Temple was made complete by the aid of beautiful music most appropriately interspersed and artistically rendered.

This feature in the work of the Order of the Temple gives a solemnity and a charm to the lessons sought to be impressed, that ought to secure for it a place in the ritual as a positive requirement on the part of every Commandery.

I desire to acknowledge the Knightly courtesy and honor extended to me as your representative by each and every officer of the four Commanderies I visited and inspected, and to return them all my warmest thanks.

I believe that the object sought to be accomplished (the advancement and prosperity of the Orders of Christian Knighthood) in the visitation and inspection of subordinate Commanderies is commendable on the part of the Grand Commandery, and must result in good to the Order in this Grand Jurisdiction. It certainly furnishes the best evidence of a full and complete observance of Templar law and a uniformity in work, while it creates an interest and a desire on the part of each Sir Knight to hold fast his Masonic fealty and keep sacred his Knightly vows.

Courteously and fraternally,

E. M. Colver,
Grand Junior Warden.

Report of Em. Sir J. Burton Parsons, Grand Treasurer.

CLEVELAND, OHIO, July 5, 1889.

RT. EM. SIR W. T. WALKER, *Grand Commander, Toledo, Ohio:*

MARION COMMANDERY, No. 36.

Pursuant to General Order No. 1, issued about the 15th of December, 1888, I visited Marion Commandery, No. 36, on March 28th. The asylum was opened by Em. Sir Harvey Wilson promptly at eight o'clock. The orders of Knight Templar and Knight of Malta were conferred upon one candidate. The ritualistic part of the work was well rendered with fitting solemnity; the work was prompt and this added to the beauty of the whole. Eminent Sir Knights were in attendance and all in uniform. Among the visitors were Sir Knight J. H. Cushing, Past Em. Commander of St. Louis Commandery, No. 1, of St. Louis, Mo., and Past Grand Captain General of Ohio; also, Past Em. Commander Sir H. W. Eckhard of Marion, No. 36, and many other visitors.

The asylum and other rooms of the Commandery are commodious and well equipped for their needs. Their accounts and records are well kept by W. S. Clements, the Recorder. Dues promptly and thoroughly collected and the financial condition good.

After the conferring of the degrees we repaired to the banquet room, which was enjoyed most heartily by all present, and as the hour was late speech-making was dispensed with.

The visit was in every respect a very enjoyable one. A most cordial reception greeted me on my arrival, and during my stay it was attended with many courtesies and Knightly attentions.

CANTON COMMANDERY, No. 38.

On May 21st I visited Canton Commandery, No. 38, and was escorted from Cleveland with more celebrities than probably any other Grand Representative that you have sent out this year, consisting of Past Rt. Em. B. D. Babcock; Very Em. Sir Henry Perkins, of Akron, Deputy Grand Commander of the State; Em. Sir W. T. Robbins, of Oriental Commandery, No. 12; Em. Sir E. W. Page, Past Em. Commander of Holyrood, No. 32; Past Eminent L. T. Dennison, of Forest City Commandery; Eminent Commander R. V. Hampson, of Salem, No. 42; Eminent Commander A. Latham, of Akron Commandery; Sirs Wm. Thornburgh, J. H. Peck, J. S. White, R. A. Curran, of Holyrood Commandery, and Sirs H. D. West and R. W. Gammel, of Oriental, No. 12. The Commandery of Knights Templars was opened in Canton by Eminent Commander P. H. Barr, at eight o'clock in the evening, and your representative was received with all the honors pertaining to his station as the representative of the Grand Commander. There was a general turnout of Sir Knights and they were in full uniform. The Commandery was opened in full form, including review and

rehearsal of duties of officers. The movements were executed with military precision, showing a familiarity with Knightly drill. The orders of the Temple and Malta were conferred. The work was done in a creditable manner throughout, and with the exception of one or two minor points there was no ground for criticism.

The rooms for doing the work are very much cramped, but the Masonic fraternity of Canton hope in a short time to have larger quarters, and they certainly must have in order to do efficient work, as their Commandery is young and will continue to grow.

After the orders of the Temple and Malta were conferred we repaired to the banquet room, Eminent Commander P. H. Barr officiating as Master of Ceremonies. Impromptu speeches were made by Sir Knights Babcock, Perkins, Barr, Peck, and Sirs Reverend D. H. Mueller, Hampson, Page, Robbins, White, and others. The speeches were all in a happy vein and quite appropriate to the occasion. Knights only were in attendance, and the fact of its being a stag party did not seriously interfere with the festivities.

In addition to the escort of your Grand Representative there were present at the banquet table Em. Sir Z. T. Baltzley, Eminent Commander of Massillon, No. 4; Past Em. Sir W. T. Price, of Mount Olivet No. 30, of Erie, Penn.; Sirs W. H. Worcester, John Russell, A. H. Hayes, J. W. Delaney, and J. S. Wheeler, of Elgin Commandery, No. 36, of Elgin, Illinois; Sir David McCandlish, of Lancaster Commandery, No. 2; Sir J. C. Webb, of Cambridge Commandery, No. 47; Sirs W. M. Gillis and C. F. von Kamel, of Massillon.

It was one of the finest banquets that I have ever attended in all the inspections that I have made, as I have never seen so many celebrities and representatives, present and past officers, gathered together on any similar occasion.

Massillon Commandery, No. 4.

May 22d I visited Massillon Commandery. I was received at the depot by Em. Sir Z. T. Baltzley. At eight o'clock in the evening I was escorted to the asylum by several prominent Sir Knights of Massillon Commandery. The Commandery was opened promptly at eight o'clock by Em. Sir Z T. Baltzley with full ceremonies, including rehearsal of the duties of officers, and all were creditably done, as a whole, and the orders of Temple and Malta were conferred.

I saw a very marked difference in the working, as I had visited the Commandery on two former occasions, some years past. The officers seemed to vie with each other as to which was the most proficient in his work. I am proud to say that Massillon Commandery in work is equal to any Commandery in the state.

I found the records kept in a very business-like manner. The financial condition of the Commandery is in excellent shape. The Commandery, Chapter, and Lodge own the building jointly from cellar to

garret. The lower rooms bring a handsome revenue annually. The dues of each Sir Knight are paid in full.

I had the pleasure of being escorted by Past Em. Commander E. W. Page, of Holyrood, No. 32, and Eminent Commander P. H. Barr, of Canton Commandery, No. 38, and Eminent Commander R. V. Hampson, of Salem Commandery, No. 42; visiting Sir Knights consisting of Sir Wm. McLaren, of Salem, No. 42; Sirs Wm. Casterly, Robert Hole, also, Sir Wm. Thornburgh, of Holyrood, No. 32; Sir Julius Delaney, of Bethel, No. 36, of Elgin, Illinois; Sir William H. Jacoby, of Zion, No. 2, of St. Paul, Minn.; Sir D. H. Pritchard, of St. Johns, No. 20, Youngstown, Ohio, and Sirs Ed. Klepinger and W. S. Strayer, of No. 38, Canton, Ohio.

The Commandery closed in full form, after which the Commandery repaired to the hotel, where an elegant banquet was served, and impromptu speeches were made and a general good feeling prevailed throughout the entire festivities.

Courteously and fraternally yours,

J. Burton Parsons,
Grand Treasurer.

Report of Em. Sir John N. Bell, Grand Recorder.

Dayton, O., June 28, 1889.

Rt. Em. Sir Wm. T. Walker, *Grand Commander, Toledo. Ohio:*

Rt. Em. and Dear Sir—By virtue of the commission issued to me as your representative, under General Order No. 1, dated October 20th, 1888, I have the honor to submit herewith my report of inspections of Commanderies assigned to me under said order.

Shawnee Commandery, No. 14.

March 26th, 1889, accompanied by Sir Knight William H. Bussard, Captain General of Reed Commandery, No. 6, I inspected Shawnee Commandery, No. 14, stationed at Lima. We were most hospitably received on arrival at the depot by Sir Knight E. H. Johns, Em. Commander; G. Wykoff, W. K. Boone and L. Reichelderfer, P. E. C.'s, and others. Sir L. F. Lyttle, P. G. C., of Toledo; Sir Robert Sutton and a delegation of Sir Knights from Sidney Commandery, No. 46, were among the visitors on this occasion.

This Commandery has commodious quarters in Masonic Hall, with an excellent organ, but are not possessed of many of the accessories and paraphernalia necessary to a complete rendition of the work. These, however, can be supplied at a moderate cost, and as the Commandery has more than $600 in the treasury and is comparatively free from debt there can be no good reason for failure to supply all deficiencies noted before the next annual inspection.

The records in the hands of Sir Knight R. O. Woods, Recorder, are neatly kept. An important omission, however, was noticed in that the Annual Return of the Commandery was not copied in the record; neither have the signatures of the Eminent Commanders been affixed to the minutes of the conclaves for a number of years.

The Commandery was opened in full form by the Eminent Commander, Sir E. H. Johns, assisted by his corps of officers, with rehearsal of officers' duties, inspection and review, and the orders of the Temple and Malta were conferred upon a Knight of the Red Cross. The text of the ritual was closely followed by all the officers, very few inaccuracies being noted. There was apparent, however, a lack of attention to the minor details, such as sword manual, asylum tactics, costume of candidate, arrangement of the delta, altar, etc., which in a measure marred the completeness of the work.

About one hundred Sir Knights, members of the Commandery and visitors, were present, nearly all of them in full Templar costume.

Miami Commandery, No. 22.

April 19th I visited Miami Commandery, No. 22, stationed at Lebanon, and met with a courteous reception from Sir F. M. Cunningham, E. C.; Sir W. S. Hufford, Grand Sword Bearer, and others.

Preliminary to the duties of the evening your representative, in company with the Sir Knights mentioned and the candidate for the honors of Knighthood, enjoyed a delightful ride through and around this historic town, including a visit to the grave of that great man and Mason, Sir Thomas Corwin, who was the first Eminent Commander of Reed, No. 6, at Dayton, under the dispensation in 1846.

An examination of the finances of Miami Commandery showed them to be in excellent condition, there being in charge of the Trustees as a permanent fund nearly $1,300, and about $250 in the Treasurer's hands. The records are nicely and accurately kept by the Recorder, Sir Knight Thomas Hardy, P. E. C.

The Commandery was opened with full ceremonial, which was rendered in accordance with the ritual, although, as noted in other Commanderies inspected, comparatively little attention having been paid to the details of the sword manual and asylum tactics, the result was plainly apparent in the inspection and review.

There were twenty-eight Sir Knights present, seventeen of whom were in uniform, the total membership being eighty-four.

The orders of Knight Templar and Knight of Malta were conferred upon a Red Cross Knight, the rendition of the ritual being accurate on the part of the Eminent Commander, Sir F. M. Cunningham, and Prelate, Sir John R. Drake, P. E. C., and also the Wardens, but none of the Guards were familiar with their work, and the proper lessons were not used by them.

The Order of Malta was well rendered by Sir John R. Drake, P. E. C., according to the abbreviated form. The Commandery is well supplied with beautiful banners to exemplify the Malta work, but it lacks many of the accessories and paraphernalia necessary to render the work in the order of the Temple, as it can and should be done.

The asylum is large and the auxiliary apartments for the work of the Commandery, though small, are sufficient for its thorough exemplification.

Hamilton Commandery, No. 41.

On Monday, April 22d, my visit of inspection was made to Hamilton Commandery, No. 41, stationed at Hamilton.

A cordial reception was given your representative by Sir Knight Allen Andrews, P. E. C., and the officers and members of the Commandery.

The Commandery was opened at 8 o'clock in full form with a rehearsal of duties, inspection, etc., by the Eminent Commander, Sir Knight Thomas Dowrey, and his officers, these ceremonies being well performed.

There being no candidate in readiness, a substitute was provided in the person of one of the members of the Commandery and the work of conferring the orders of the Temple and Malta rendered. The ritual was accurately rendered by all the officers, with a single exception.

The apartments of Hamilton Commandery are commodious and exceedingly well arranged for the purpose intended. There is a deficiency in some of the paraphernalia essential to a complete and symmetrical rendition of the ritual, and, as is too frequently the case, too little attention is given to the so-called "little things."

The uniform decorum observed and close attention given by all present to the services of the evening deserve special commendation.

There were eighteen Sir Knights present, all being in full uniform except two, the total membership being fifty-two.

The finances of the Commandery are in fair condition, there being a sufficient amount in the treasury to meet current liabilities.

The books and records are models of neatness in the hands of the Recorder, Sir Knight D. E. Sheehan.

Akron Commandery, No. 25.

As previously arranged on May 1st, accompanied by Sir Knight J. Burton Parsons, Grand Treasurer, I visited and inspected Akron Commandery, No. 25, stationed at Akron.

The Commandery was opened in full form at 8 o'clock P. M., there being a large attendance of members of the Commandery, nearly all of whom were in full uniform. The rehearsal, inspection, etc., was satisfactorily performed, a few inaccuracies only being noticed.

The orders of Knight Templar and Knight of Malta were conferred upon a Red Cross Knight in an impressive manner by the Eminent Commander, Sir Arthur Latham, and his corps of officers. The text of

the ritual was closely followed by all the officers, leaving little room for criticism in that direction.

The different interpretations given to the prescribed ceremonies around the delta by this and other Commanderies visited, makes it difficult to secure uniformity, and the manifestly conflicting directions as to these ceremonies in the ritual itself gives color to the variations noticed. It is to be hoped that these defects may be remedied at the next conclave of the Grand Encampment.

Close attention was given by all present to the work as it progressed.

Financially the Commandery is in excellent condition, there being $1,365.25 in the treasury, and there are no debts or liabilities of any kind.

The regulations regarding the collections of dues have been obeyed, involving the necessity of dropping thirteen members from the roll for non-payment.

The records present a very neat appearance under the experienced hand of the Recorder, Sir Knight A. H. Sargent.

IN GENERAL.

The condition of all the Commanderies visited by me was good and the interest manifested in the work of the Order such as to argue well for its future prosperity.

As noted more particularly in other portions of this report, there seems to be a general lack of attention to the smaller details of the work. It is too often the case, while the Eminent Commander is thoroughly versed in his own part of the ceremonial, he is not so well acquainted with that of the other officers as he should be, to give intelligent direction to the whole. The work of the Guards is sometimes relegated to anybody who may be pounced upon "to fill the stations," and they too frequently prove misfits. By deficiencies in paraphernalia and appurtenances, which a small expenditure would supply, too much is left to the imagination of the postulant, and in some instances the ceremonial, which should be solemnly impressive, is rendered almost ridiculous.

The attention of the Commanderies visited was plainly called to these defects, and as they can be easily remedied, a change for the better is confidently expected.

In conclusion, I desire to return my thanks for the many courtesies so universally extended by all with whom I came in contact. Every facility was given for thorough inspections and an evident desire was shown to profit by the visit of the Inspecting Officer.

Banquets appear to have become an almost indispensable corrollary to the work of conferring the orders, and each Commandery visited provided an ample repast, to which full justice was done by your representative and all others present.

I am very truly and courteously,

JOHN N. BELL,
Grand Recorder.

Report of Em. Sir Wm. M. Meek, Grand Standard Bearer.

HILLSBORO, O., May 13, 1889.

RT. EM. SIR WM. T. WALKER, *Grand Commander, Toledo, Ohio:*

RT. EM. AND DEAR SIR—Complying with your General Order No. 1, dated October 20th, A. D. 1888, assigning to me for inspection Chillicothe Commandery, No. 8; Athens Commandery, No. 15, and Cambridge Commandery, No. 47, by virtue of your commission, I beg to report to you in detail the careful inspection of each, in the order following;

CHILLICOTHE COMMANDERY, NO. 8.

At the earnest request of this old and time-honored Commandery, where I was myself Knighted almost forty years ago, I arranged for the inspection at their regular meeting, on April 29th, 1889, awaiting reply from Athens.

I was not only kindly received, but the greeting was so hearty that no doubt could arise as to its sincerity. I was made to feel all this by the manner of Past Rt. Em. Grand Commander Sir F. H. Rehwinkel, Past Em. Sir Lansing, P. Em. Commander Mills and other Eminent Sir Knights of the Commandery.

I found the Commandery in good condition, financially, with a single exception, to which I called the attention of the Eminent Commander, and I submit a special report to you, Right Eminent Sir. The work in the Temple and Malta was well done, and almost without exception the officers were promptly on hand and ready to work. The Commandery numbers nearly 200 members, the majority shamefully absent from meeting.

CAMBRIDGE COMMANDERY, NO. 47.

This is the "Baby" Commandery of the State.

I met this Commandery in their comfortable and convenient headquarters Thursday, May 3d, 1889, and received kindly greeting and hearty sympathy, and of the membership, thirty-four in number, found gathered there twenty-four in attendance, an example worthy of imitation, and if other Commanderies in the State would keep up such a per cent. of attendance "inspections" and "reviews" would give us more intelligent and valuable views as Masons. This Commandery is made up mainly of young men, and they do themselves credit by being on hand at the right time. The work was well and appreciatively done. Their drill is good. The Order of Malta was very commendable.

The books and records of the Commandery I found in excellent condition, and with Em. Sir Quinn and C. C. Cochran, Past Em. and now Recorder, in charge, I predict a bright future for this Commandery.

ATHENS COMMANDERY, NO. 15.

I am persuaded that this Commandery has greatly improved under the sharp and keen, but kindly criticism of Sir W. B. Melish in the past.

May 4th, 1889, I visited this Commandery at their headquarters on one of the hills surrounding, and was received with a hearty good will by Em. Sir Jos. Pickering and others, and I soon found myself pleased and delighted with my surroundings. The membership numbers eighty-six and the turnout was reasonably good. Drill very defective, but improvement promised by the Eminent Commander. The work in the Order of the Temple was excellent—Malta not so good. The books of record and accounts seemed to be so well kept by Sir McLain that the inspection was assuring for the future all that can be desirable; the financial condition of the Commandery and each member in the best possible condition. The Commandery is expecting to do much work and good work this spring and summer.

With this, Right Eminent Sir, I close my report, and tendering to you, Right Eminent Sir, my kindest regards,

I am very truly and courteously,

WM. M. MEEK,
Grand Standard Bearer.

Report of Em. Sir Gibson H. Robinson, Grand Sword Bearer.

CLEVELAND, O., May 15, 1889.

RT. EM. SIR WM. T. WALKER, *Grand Commander, Toledo, Ohio:*

RT. EM. AND DEAR SIR—In compliance with your General Order No. 1, under date of October 20th, 1888, I beg leave to submit the following report of my inspection of the several Commanderies to which I was assigned:

ST. JOHNS COMMANDERY, NO. 20.

On Monday, March 26th, accompanied by Past Em. Sir Joshua M. Booth, of Oriental Commandery, No. 12; Past Em. Sir E. Page, of Holyrood Commandery, No. 32, and Sir Knights Peck, Gawn, Harris, Becker, Zeible and Juengling, I visited St. Johns Commandery, No. 20, stationed at Youngstown, O., for the purpose of inspecting said Commandery in its exemplification of the orders of the Temple and Malta. We were courteously received at the depot by Em. Sir Thompson and Sir McNabb, Captain General of St. Johns Commandery, and by them escorted to the Tod House, our headquarters during our sojourn in Youngstown. At about 7:30 P. M. we repaired to the asylum of St. Johns Commandery, which we found handsomely decorated by banners and emblems of the order, together with a profusion of plants and flowers, for the occasion. Your representative was received with all the honors due his station. There were some sixty Sir Knights present, and with

but few exceptions in full Templar costume. The Commandery was opened in full form, the manual of the sword executed in a highly creditable manner and the rehearsal of officers' duties given strictly according to the ritual. The orders were conferred upon one candidate, and in such a manner as to reflect well merited praise upon all the officers of the Commandery. The asylum is well arranged and St. Johns is well provided with all the furniture and paraphernalia needed for the proper conferring of the orders. The records of the Commandery are correctly and neatly kept by Sir Boyd. The financial condition is good, there being a balance in the hands of the Treasurer of over $900. The Commandery is without debt and there has been a comfortable amount of work done during the past year. I had the pleasure of meeting upon this occasion Em. Sirs Wilson, Booth and Buechner, Past Commanders of St. Johns Commandery. After the conclusion of the work an adjournment was made to the banquet hall, where an elegant repast was spread and of which the Sir Knights partook; remarks followed, and the evening duties drew to a close with thanks to Em. Sir Thompson and his command.

Forest City Commandery, No. 40.

Tuesday evening, April 9th, 1889, at a special conclave, it was my pleasure to meet Forest City Commandery, No. 40, at home. Having a personal interest in the welfare and prosperity of this Commandery, it was a great pleasure to me, Right Eminent Sir, to be assigned as its inspecting officer. The officers and Sir Knights of this Commandery have ever been lively in their interest in Templarism, and the work of the evening proved that they still retain their well merited reputation. At the appointed hour your representative was received with Knightly honor and welcomed by Em. Sir Day. The Commandery was opened in full form, the manual of the sword given in all its details and the officers' duties were rehearsed strictly to the letter of the ritual. The orders were conferred upon one candidate, and all the officers from the Eminent Commander to the Guards performed their work in a manner highly commendable and in every case strictly to the letter of the ritual. There were some fifty Sir Knights present, among them Past Em. Sirs Pelton and Denison, of Forest City Commandery, No. 40; Em. Sir W. T. Robbins, of Oriental Commandery, No. 12, and many visiting Sir Knights. The Sir Knights were all in full Templar costume. This Commandery has an asylum commodious and well arranged for the conferring of the orders, together with all the furniture and paraphernalia necessary for their perfect rendition. The records are correctly and neatly kept by Recorder Dustin. The financial condition of the Commandery is good, there being a balance in the hands of the Treasurer of over $500. The Commandery is without debt. The Commandery is prosperous and a satisfactory amount of work has been done since the

last annual conclave of the Grand Commandery. At the close of the work Em. Sir Day invited all present to partake of the banquet, which had been prepared for the occasion, which all cheerfully accepted. Speeches followed the banquet and the ceremonies of the evening closed by Em. Sir Day's courteous invitation to "Come again."

Cache Commandery, No. 27.

On Monday, April 15, 1889, accompanied by Em. Sir W. T. Robbins, of Oriental Commandery, No. 12, and a number of Sir Knights of Oriental and Holyrood Commanderies, I visited Cache Commandery, No. 27, stationed at Conneaut, O., for the purpose of inspecting the work of the orders of the Temple and Malta. The Commandery met in stated conclave, and at the appointed hour your representative was received with Knightly honor. About thirty-five Sir Knights were present, all in full Templar costume, and all the officers were at their posts. The Commandery was opened in full form, the manual of the sword and rehearsal of officers' duties given in full. The orders were conferred upon one candidate and in an highly acceptable manner, and considering the fact that the membership of the Commandery is widely scattered, and it is with difficulty that the members are gotten together, well merited praise is due for the excellent condition of the work. The ritual was strictly adhered to by all the officers. The books of the Commandery are neatly kept by Recorder Dickinson. The financial condition of the Commandery is first class, there being a healthy balance in the treasury, and they, in connection with the other Masonic bodies resident at Conneaut own the property which they occupy. They propose this year to largely improve upon what they now have. This Commandery has all the furniture and appurtenances necessary for a proper rendition of the work, and everything is well arranged for so doing. They have been doing a comfortable amount of work and have some on hand. After the conclusion of the work an adjournment was made to the banquet hall, where an elegant collation was spread, and which proved quite acceptable to the Sir Knights after the evening's work. Remarks were made by Em. Sirs Simonds, Dickinson, Ward, Robbins, and Sir Northway. Thanks are here given to Sirs Simon, Zane and others for courtesies extended.

Eagle Commandery, No. 29.

Monday, April 27, 1889, with a party of Sir Knights, I visited Eagle Commandery, No. 29, stationed at Painesville, O., for the purpose of inspection. We were met at the depot by Past Em. Sir Spencer, and by him escorted to the hotel, where supper was had, after which we proceeded to the asylum of Eagle Commandery. The Commandery was in special conclave; about forty Sir Knights were present, and with but few exceptions in full Templar costume. Your representative was

courteously received by Em. Sir Coleman. Several of the officers were absent—business engagements calling them from the city. The Commandery was opened in full form and the manual of the sword given fairly well, but I would suggest more attention to that part of the work. The rehearsal of officers' duties was given as well as could be expected with several of the officers absent. The work as a whole was, however, fairly rendered, and some portions of it exceedingly well done. It is with difficulty, Right Eminent Sir, and often discouragement, that an Eminent Commander labors, whose command is scattered, officers and members, many of them, being miles from the asylum. They can not get together as easily as the larger Commanderies do to perfect themselves in the work, and therefore deserve charitable consideration. The records of the Commandery are well kept by Sir Coe. Eagle Commandery has well furnished quarters. They are well arranged and have all the necessary paraphernalia for the conferring of the orders. The financial condition of the Commandery is good. They have not done much in the way of work so far this year, but are looking forward to some in the near future. The Commandery is withal prosperous. After the work a collation was served. Myself and friends feel under special obligations to Em. Sirs Coleman and Spencer for courtesies extended.

Courteously submitted,

GIBSON H. ROBINSON,
Grand Sword Bearer.

Report of Em. Sir W. S. Hufford, Grand Warder.

LEBANON, O., April 25, 1889.

RT. EM. SIR WM. T. WALKER, *Grand Commander, Toledo, Ohio:*

RT. EM. AND DEAR SIR—Immediately upon receipt of your General Order No. 1, bearing date of October 20th, 1888, I wrote the Eminent Commanders of the several Commanderies assigned me for inspection and received prompt replies from all.

WILMINGTON COMMANDERY, No. 37.

My first visit was made to Wilmington Commandery, No. 37, stationed at Wilmington, Ohio, on the evening of February 26th. I was met at the train by Sir Robert McMillan, a representative of the Commandery, who took pleasure in escorting your representative around and giving him every facility for inspecting their asylum and furniture, which is occupied jointly by the several Masonic bodies. The rooms are well furnished and are kept in good order, although they are not as convenient as they ought to be for the conferring of the different orders. But they overcame their inconvenience by their good work and being well disciplined. The Commandery convened about 8 o'clock in the evening in their asylum and Sir C. R. Fisher, Eminent Com-

mander, with his full staff of officers and thirty-five Sir Knights in full Templar costume, opened a Commandery of Knights Templars with full ceremonials according to the new ritual. The orders of the Temple and Malta were conferred upon one postulant in a very impressive and creditable manner. Their work throughout was exceptionally good and there was very little room where any criticism was deserved. The consciousness that they were being inspected evidently awakened them to do their work well.

I also inspected the books and found them well kept by C. I. Hocket, the Recorder. The observance of the rule concerning the payment of dues is good, with but few exceptions, which I was assured would be paid. The financial standing of the Commandery is good.

Balance on hand in treasury - - - - - - -	$128 17
Present number of members - - - - - - - -	57

It was late when the work was finished, and, by request, I allowed them to close in short form, as the Commandery was opened with full ceremonial and I did not regard a repetition necessary. After the Commandery was closed we were invited to the banquet room, where we passed a most enjoyable time.

The reception of your representative was all that could be asked for, and he can only return his sincere thanks to the Sir Knights of Wilmington Commandery for their courteous treatment during his stay with them.

Hope Commandery, No. 26.

I have the honor to further report that in obedience to your assignment I communicated with Eminent Sir J. B. Ryan, Eminent Commander of Hope Commandery, and arranged with him for the inspection there on April 9th. On my arrival at St. Clairsville I was met at the railroad station by a committee consisting of Sir J. C. Kentner, Sir H. D. Baily, Sir J. H. Wilson, who, with other Sir Knights, treated me during my stay with the most courteous consideration.

The Commandery convened about 8 o'clock and opened with full ceremonial as best they could. Owing to a mistake made in a telegram there were absent Captain General, Sword Bearer and Standard Bearer and other Sir Knights who live at a distance, all of whom would have been there had no mistake occurred. Therefore the Eminent Commander proceeded with the work with fifteen Sir Knights in full Templar costume, and conferred the orders of the Temple and Malta on one postulant. The work was creditably done under the circumstances, and if all the officers had been in their positions, no doubt there would have been very little room for criticism.

Hope Commandery, with other Masonic bodies, own and occupy commodious quarters in the third story of the Public School Building, and in that respect they are well situated for conferring the orders.

The books are kept in good shape and the rules concerning dues are closely adhered to.

No. of members per last report to the Grand Commandery -	103
Created since - - - - - - - - - - - -	2
Total - - - - - - - - - - - - -	105
No. dimitted since - - - - - - - - - - -	4
Died - - - - - - - - - - - - -	1
Suspended for non-payment of dues - - - - - - -	15
No. of members now in good standing . - - . -	85
Financial condition is good—balance in treasury - - -	$890 40

At the termination of the work the Commandery was closed in due form and we were invited to the banquet room, where a very enjoyable time was spent, and I now wish to return my sincere thanks to Sir J. B. Ryan, E. C., and the Sir Knights for the courteous treatment I received from them.

Ironton Commandery, No. 45.

I have the honor to further report that in obedience to your assignment I communicated with Eminent Sir B. F. Ellsberry, Eminent Commander of Ironton Commandery, No. 45, stationed at Ironton, Ohio, and arranged with him for the inspection on April 11.

I arrived at Ironton at noon and was courteously received by Sir B. F. Ellsberry, E. C, who took pleasure in giving me every facility for inspecting their rooms, which will be second to none in the State when all are completed. They were burned out about one year ago and lost all they had in the way of furniture. The new building is owned by the Masonic bodies, and they have spared no expense to make it convenient for the use of all the bodies, which they should be proud of.

The Commandery was opened in full ritual form with thirty-one Sir Knights in full Templar costume and all the officers in their positions. A single postulant received the illustrious order of Knight of the Red Cross. For the rendition of the ritual of this order very little criticism was deserved. This being their first inspection they were all doing their best, and I can compliment them for the interest they take in doing their work. The revised ritual was closely adhered to, as they had never had the old ritual.

When the Council of the Knights of the Red Cross closed a Commandery of Knights Templars opened and proceeded to confer the Temple and Malta degrees on the postulant who had just received the Red Cross degree. The ritual, as in the preceding degree, was closely followed. The floor work was good, with few exceptions, and if the Sir Knights of Ironton Commandery continue with the same interest as shown on my official visit they will stand among the first Commanderies of the State.

Ironton Commandery has forty-four Sir Knights enrolled and thirty-one were present.

The rule in regard to dues is closely followed and their financial condition is good.

They have $401.43 in their treasury.

The Commandery closed in due form and we were invited to participate at the banquet hall, where all seemed to enjoy themselves. I can only add that I am under many obligations for the kind and courteous treatment your representative received from Sir B. F. Ellsberry, E. C, Sir Slater, Sir Bird, Sir Newman and all the Sir Knights of Ironton Commandery.

I can not close this report without extending many thanks to the officers and members of the Commanderies which I visited for the courteous manner in which I, as a representative of the Grand Commander of Ohio, was received. I have thus, according to the best of my ability, obeyed your order and beg to submit most respectfully this, my report.

Courteously yours,

W. S. Hufford,
Grand Warder.

TOPICAL REFERENCE.

On motion of Sir Knight La Fayette Lyttle, the addresses of the Right Eminent Grand Commander and V. Em. Deputy Grand Commander were referred to a special committee, to designate topical reference.

The Rt. Em. Grand Commander appointed Sir Knights L. F. Lyttle, H. H. Tatem, and B. D. Babcock, as such committee.

GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT.

Sir Knight J. Burton Parsons, Grand Treasurer, then read and submitted his annual report, which was referred to the Committee on Finance:

To the Grand Commandery Knights Templars of Ohio:

J. Burton Parsons, Em. Grand Treasurer, in account with Grand Commandery, Knights Templars of Ohio:

1888.	Dr.	
Aug. 10.	Cash in treasury	$12,667 91
" 28.	Received from Jno. N. Bell, Grand Recorder	3,820 50
1889.		
April 29.	Received from Jno. N. Bell, Grand Recorder, dispensation fee, Findlay Commandery, U. D.	200 00
	Received from E. S. Franklin, late Newark Commandery, No. 34, dues	3 00

June 26.	Received from Jno. N. Bell, Grand Recorder, dispensation fee, Wooster Commandery, U. D.....	200 00
	Received interest to August 1, 1889.....	542 88
		$17,434 29

1888.	Cr.	
Aug. 29.	Pay roll at Cleveland.....	$ 1,082 56
"	Paid Peerless Printing and Mfg. Co., bill printing..	35 00
"	" E. T. Carson, Chairman Foreign Cor.....	300 00
"	" Henry Perkins, V. Em. Dep. Grand Commander, visiting Commanderies.....	9 10
"	" W. B. Melish, Em. Grand Generalissimo, visiting Commanderies	36 00
"	" E. M. Colver, Em. Grand Junior Warden, visiting Commanderies.....	11 00
"	" Chas. E. Stanley, Chairman Gen'l Committee, for annual appro'n entertainment Gr. Com.	500 00
"	" F. H. Rehwinkel, P. G. C., contingent fund..	64 20
"	" John N. Bell, Grand Recorder, for services...	400 00
"	" Jacob Randall, Grand Guard, " ...	35 00
"	" J. Burton Parsons, Gr. Treasurer, " ...	100 00
"	" John N. Bell, Gr. Recorder, contingent fund.	135 18
"	" B. F. Ellsberry, E. C. Ironton Com., U. D....	200 00
"	" Short & Forman's draft, bill printing for Grand Guard.....	5 70
"	" Short & Forman's draft, bill printing for Grand Treasurer	13 50
Sept. 1.	" J. Burton Parsons, Grand Treasurer, account contingent expenses.....	100 00
Dec. 5.	" Groneweg Ptg. Co., draft for bill printing.....	702 41
" 28.	" John N. Bell, Grand Recorder, incidental exp.	67 79
" 28.	" " " " on acct. services.	200 00
1889.		
Feb. 13.	Paid Chas. M. Piccard for P. G. C.'s jewel.....	55 00
Mar. 14.	" The Troup Mfg. Co. dft. for bill ptg. supplies.	14 75
Apr. 30.	" John N. Bell, Gr. Recorder, dispensation fee Findlay Commandery, U. D.....	10 00
" 30.	" W. S. Hufford, Em. Gr. Warden, visiting Com.	30 00
June 10.	" L. F. Van Cleve, Em. Gr. Prelate, " "	46 50
" 18.	" L. F. Lyttle, P. Rt. Em. Grand Commander, expenses to funeral of P. Rt. Em. Sir F. H. Rehwinkel.....	13 05
" 26.	" John N. Bell, Gr. Recorder, dispensation fee Wooster Commandery, U. D	10·00
" 26.	" John N. Bell, Grand Recorder, draft for Grand Encampment dues, 1889.....	297 20

July	3.	Paid Henry Perkins, V. Em. Deputy Grand Commander, visiting Commanderies.....	31 25
"	3.	" Huntington Brown, Em. Grand Captain Gen'l, visiting Commanderies.....	33 57
"	3.	" Huntington Brown, Em. G. C. G., Trien. exp.	6 60
"	3.	" M. J. Houck, Em. Grand Sr. Warden, expenses to funeral of Rt. Em. Sir. F. H. Rehwinkel,	9 30
"	3.	" M. J. Houck, Em. Grand Sr. Warden, visiting Commanderies.....	33 04
"	3.	" Wm. M. Meek, Em. Grand Standard Bearer, visiting Commanderies.....	21 15
"	3.	" G. H. Robinson, Em. Grand Sword Bearer, visiting Commanderies.....	11 00
"	9.	" J. Burton Parsons, Em. Grand Treasurer, visiting Commanderies.....	16 50
"	9.	" Wm. M. Meek, Em. Grand Standard Bearer, expenses to funerals of P. Rt. Em. Sir F. H. Rehwinkel and T. H. Nieman.....	7 80
"	29.	" E. M. Colver, Em. Grand Jr. Warden, visiting Commanderies	28 05
"	29.	" Huntington Brown, Em. Grand Captain Gen'l, expenses to funeral of P. Rt. Em. Sir F. H. Rehwinkel (directed to take charge lines),	11 47
			$ 4,683 67
Balance			12,750 62
			$17,434 29

Respectfully submitted,

J. Burton Parsons,
Grand Treasurer.

GRAND RECORDER'S REPORT.

Sir Knight John N. Bell, Grand Recorder, then read and submitted his annual report:

To the Grand Commandery Knights Templars of Ohio:

As heretofore ordered, one thousand copies of the Forty-sixth Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery were printed and distributed to those entitled to receive them, a sufficient number, however, being retained in the library, for future requirements.

The work of collating and binding the proceedings of other Grand Jurisdictions has proven slow of accomplishment, from the fact that numbers are missing from every collection in the library. Many of these, or reprints of same, can be readily obtained, while others are

difficult to procure. A complete list of the missing volumes and pamphlets is being prepared, and your Grand Recorder hopes to have the greater part of the library in proper condition at the close of the ensuing Templar year. No portion of the appropriation made last year for rebinding has yet been used, and it is deemed sufficient for the purpose.

In accordance with the resolution adopted last year—page 120 of the proceedings,—a Past Grand Commander's jewel of the prescribed design was procured and presented to Rt. Em. Sir Frederick H. Rehwinkel, Past Grand Commander.

On June 25th, 1889, I forwarded a draft for $295.20, the amount of the *per capita* tax, to Sir Knight William B. Isaacs, Grand Recorder of the Grand Encampment of the United States, for receipt of which due acknowledgment has been made.

The fees for dispensations issued by order of the Rt. Em. Grand Commander to Sir Knights at Findlay and Wooster,—two hundred dollars each,—also three dollars dues received from Sir Knight E. S. Franklin, a former member of Newark Commandery, No. 34, now extinct, were duly forwarded to the Grand Treasurer.

In making inspections of the books and records of Commanderies assigned to me during the past three years, the fact that great irregularity exists in the form and manner of recording their proceedings has been plainly apparent. While clerical neatness has been generally attained, the Recorders seem to differ materially as to what is "proper to be written." Some Recorders entirely omit the names of the officers, and merely state that the Eminent Commander and a quorum of Sir Knights were present; others record the names of the three first officers only, while others place the entire list of officers on the minutes, including the Guards, and some include the names of all Sir Knights present, visitors and members. The latter method is undoubtedly a good one, and is to be commended, but it is certain that the names of the elective officers should be recorded when present, and if absent the fact should be noted. In order to secure uniformity and accuracy in the records and minutes, it is courteously suggested that a general form, giving full instructions regarding these and all other matters of record, should be carefully prepared and promulgated by the Grand Commandery, as is done with the best results in some of the other Grand Jurisdictions, and immediate action thereon is courteously recommended.

In compliance with General Order No. 4, series 1888–89, nearly all the returns of subordinate Commanderies were promptly forwarded on or before August 3d. While the consolidated returns show a healthy and prosperous growth, in the number of Sir Knights created, there have been a large number dropped from the rolls for nonpayment of dues, indicating a more strict enforcement of the regulations on that subject. In consequence the net increase is comparatively small.

The following is a synopsis of the returns, viz:

Membership Aug. 1, 1888, 5,944; created, 421; admitted, 97; reinstated, 52; making, 6,514. Withdrawn, 161; died, 70; dropped for nonpayment of dues, 134; suspended, 0; expelled, 16; total, 381; leaving present membership, 6,133; a net gain of 189.

The total grand dues collected are, $3,754.50.

Bills for postage, traveling and other incidental expenses are herewith courteously submitted.

JNO. N. BELL,
Grand Recorder.

On motion of Sir Knight L. F. Van Cleve, the Grand Recorder's report was received, and so much of same as relates to finance was referred to the Committee on Finance; that portion relating to proper forms for the minutes of Subordinate Commanderies was adopted, and the Grand Recorder instructed to prepare and have printed a form of records for Subordinate Commanderies and forward the same to the Recorder of each Commandery in the Jurisdiction, and they be directed to conform thereto hereafter.

VOWS OF FEALTY.

Sir Knight S. Stacker Williams presented sundry vows of fealty, duly signed by former members of Newark Commandery No. 34, and Cyprus Commandery No. 10, both now extinct, requesting that certificates of good Templar standing be issued to them, which, on motion, were referred to the Committee on Grievances.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TOPICAL REFERENCE.

Sir Knight La Fayette Lyttle, from the Committee on Topical Reference, read and submitted the following report, which was received and adopted:

DAYTON, OHIO, August 14, 1889.

To the Grand Commandery Knights Templars of Ohio:

Your Committee on Topical Reference of the reports of the Rt. Em. Grand Commander and the V. Em. Deputy Grand Commander, respectfully submit the following:

That so much of the Grand Commander's address as relates to Necrology be referred to the Committee on Obituaries, with instructions

that suitable memorials be prepared and placed on the records of this Grand Commandery.

That so much as relates to Special Dispensations and Decisions, be referred to the Committee on Templar Jurisprudence.

That so much as relates to Commandery Inspections and Triennial Conclave at Washington, D. C., be referred to the Committee on Finance.

That so much as relates to New Commanderies, be referred to the Committee on Charters and Dispensations.

That so much as relates to a Masonic Widows' and Orphans' Home, be referred to a special committee of five.

That all other matters in said address requiring action, and not specifically mentioned, be referred to the Committee on Templar Jurisprudence.

Your committee would further report that they find nothing in the V. Em. Deputy Grand Commander's address requiring action of this Grand Body, and would therefore cordially recommend its approval.

Courteously submitted,

L. F. Lyttle,
H. H. Tatem,
B. D. Babcock.
Committee.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

On motion of Sir Knight E. T. Carson, the election of Grand Officers was made the special order at the hour of reassembling this afternoon.

PER DIEM.

On motion of Sir Knight E. T. Carson, the Committee on Pay Roll was instructed to insert per diem for one day.

The Grand Commandery then took a recess until 2:30 o'clock P. M.

W. T. WALKER,
Grand Commander.

Attest:
John N. Bell,
Grand Recorder.

First Day—Afternoon Session.

DAYTON, OHIO, Aug. 14, A. D. 1889, A. O. 771, 2:30 o'clock P. M.

The Grand Commandery Knights Templars of Ohio reassembled, the Rt. Em. Grand Commander, Sir Knight William T. Walker, presiding.

The minutes of the morning session were read and approved.

ELECTION OF GRAND OFFICERS.

The Rt. Em. Grand Commander announced the special order for this hour to be the election of Grand Officers, and appointed as tellers Sir Knights J. H. Bromwell, Wm. F. Baldwin, J. A. Stipp, and O. A. B. Senter.

On motion of Sir Knight J. H. Bromwell, the rule requiring a separate ballot for each vote cast was dispensed with at this election.

The Grand Commandery then proceeded to ballot, which resulted in the election of the following Grand Officers to serve for the ensuing Templar year:

SIR HENRY PERKINS.....Rt. Em. Grand Commander.
SIR WILLIAM B. MELISH.....V. Em. Dep. Grand Commander.
SIR HUNTINGTON BROWN.....Em. Grand Generalissimo.
SIR MARTIN J. HOUCK.....Em. Grand Captain General.
SIR LA FAYETTE VAN CLEVE.....Em. Grand Prelate.
SIR HENRY P. MCINTOSH.....Em. Grand Senior Warden.
SIR WILLIAM M. MEEK.....Em. Grand Junior Warden.
SIR J. BURTON PARSONS.....Em. Grand Treasurer.
SIR JOHN N. BELL.....Em. Grand Recorder.
SIR JOHN A. WARNER.....Em. Grand Standard Bearer.
SIR WILLIAM S. HUFFORD.....Em. Grand Sword Bearer.
SIR JOHN P MCCUNE.....Em. Grand Warder.
SIR JACOB RANDALL.....Em. Grand Captain of the Guard.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RETURNS.

Sir Knight Joseph Kirkup, from the Committee on Returns, read and submitted the following report, which was, on motion, received and adopted:

DAYTON, OHIO, August 14, 1889.

To the Grand Commandery Knights Templars of Ohio:

Your Committee on Subordinate Returns beg leave to report that we have carefully examined the returns of all the Commanderies, and the Grand Recorder's consolidation of same, and find them correct.

JOSEPH KIRKUP,
Z. T. BALTZLY,
JOHN P. MCCUNE,
J. W. LEWIS,
C. W. CHAMBERLAIN,
Committee.

EXPULSION OF SIR CHARLES E. STANLEY.

Sir Knight B. D. Babcock announced that Sir Knight Charles E. Stanley, Past Grand Commander, had been expelled by Webb Chapter No. 14, R. A. M., for gross unmasonic conduct, which action had been duly certified to Oriental Commandery No. 12, Knights Templars, of which he was at the time a member, and in consequence he now stood expelled on the records of that Commandery.

On motion of Sir Knight Huntington Brown, the Rt. Em. Grand Commander was requested to make a formal demand for the return of the Rituals now in possession of the expelled member.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON HOTELS AND TRANSPORTATION, TRIENNIAL CONCLAVE.

Sir Knight William B. Melish, from the committee appointed by the Grand Commandery for the Triennial Conclave of 1889, read and submitted the following report, which was, on motion received and ordered printed in the Proceedings:

To the Grand Commandery Knights Templars of Ohio:

Your Committee on Hotels and Transportation, beg to submit the following account of their labors:

On September 15, 1888, the chairman of the committee and Past Grand Commander L. F. Lyttle visited Washington, D. C., in quest of suitable general headquarters for the Grand Commandery of Ohio, and hotel accommodations for its Subordinate Commanderies. It was apparent that the accommodations of the largest hotels had already been taken by the first comers. Learning that the magnificent armory of the noted Washington Light Infantry was considered the largest and finest

assembly room in the city of Washington, the representatives of the Ohio Knights Templars lost no time in seeing the officer in charge of it. California, Missouri, and other Grand Jurisdictions were making inquiries about its occupancy during the conclave, and your committee closed with the company at once, agreeing to pay a rental of $800 00 for the armory from October 6 to 13, inclusive. These headquarters will be the center of Masonic attraction during the conclave, and a pride to the Knights Templars of Ohio. Admirably situated on Fifteenth street, opposite the Treasury building, and within 200 feet of Pennsylvania avenue, fitted up with parlors, toilet and check rooms, kitchens and store rooms, and with a main audience room 90x120 feet, it is by far the finest location for our purposes in Washington.

In the matter of hotel accommodations the committee was not so fortunate. A contract was made with the Harris House to accommodate 250 people, and with the St. James Hotel to take care of 100. Negotiations were commenced for increased accommodations in case they were needed.

Returning from Washington the several Commanders of the Subordinate Commanderies were notified of the progress made. Later in the year the committee wrote to nearly a hundred hotels and boarding houses in Washington, and after carefully sifting the responses secured the refusal of good accommodations for nearly one thousand persons. The Subordinate Commanderies of Ohio were then consulted as to their wants, and in January, 1889, the chairman of the committee went to Washington and contracted for accommodations for 800 people in the name of the Grand Commandery.

The Hotel Committee of the General Triennial Committee at Washington assures us that Ohio has some of the very best accommodations in that city.

Early in February the Ohio Commanderies that had expressed an intention of attending the Triennial were invited to select their quarters. In all cases contracts between the Commandery contracting and the Grand Commandery of Ohio were entered into, couched in the same terms as the original contracts between the hotels and the Grand Commandery. All the quarters have been taken, and the Grand Commandery freed from any responsibility concerning them.

In June, 1889, the unpleasant intelligence that the Harris House and the Hotel Windsor, two of the hotels secured by the committee, had closed their doors, necessitated another trip to Washington. Several new hotels were in progress of erection, however, and the losses were repaired by contracts with new parties, and with the good fortune of placing our Fraters in more desirable quarters than those originally selected.

The roster of the Commanderies that have reported to your committee, and the location of their quarters, is as follows:

Grand Commandery of Ohio, 45 persons, Hotel Chamberlain.
Mt. Vernon, No. 1, of Columbus, 75 persons, Hotel Langham
Cincinnati, No. 3, of Cincinnati, 75 persons, Hotel Langham.
Toledo, No. 7, of Toledo, 75 persons, St. James Hotel.
De Molay, No. 9, of Tiffin, 40 persons, "Strathmore Arms."
Oriental, No. 12, of Cleveland, 100 persons, La Pierre Hotel.
Shawnee, No. 14, of Lima, 50 persons, Mrs. Winslow's.
Hanselmann, No. 16, Cincinnati, 90 persons, St. James Hotel, and Solari's Hotel.
Mansfield, No. 21, of Mansfield, 25 persons, Hotel Buckingham.
Miami, No. 22, of Lebanon, 40 persons, Franklin House.
Akron, No. 25, of Akron, 35 persons, Hotel Buckingham.
Holyrood, No. 32, of Cleveland, 50 persons, Welcker's Hotel.
Palestine, No. 33, of Springfield, 50 persons,
Warren, No. 39, of Warren, 40 persons, Hotel Webster.
Salem, No. 42, of Salem, 25 persons, Hotel Buckingham.
Trinity, No. 44, of Cincinnati, 60 persons, Hotel Buckingham.
Making a total of 875 persons.

In addition to this there are one or two Commanderies that will attend in a body, either remaining in sleeping cars or going to boarding houses.

There will doubtless be quite a number of Ohio Knights in private quarters, and it is safe to say that the Grand Commandery of Ohio will be represented by a thousand persons.

In the matter of transportation the committee beg to report that the Central Traffic Association has fixed the rate of fare at one full fare for the round trip.

Each Commandery is therefore enabled to make its own railroad arrangements with local representatives of railroad lines without assistance from the committee of the Grand Commandery, and your committee find that most of the Commanderies have already done so.

Your committee take a pleasure in contemplating the results of their efforts to secure suitable accommodations for the Grand Commandery and for their Fraters, and look forward to an enjoyable and profitable Templar reunion in Washington next October.

W. B. Melish,
L. F. Lyttle,
B. D. Babcock,
Committee on Hotels and Transportation.

INVITATION TO GRAND ENCAMPMENT.

Sir Knight J. H. Bromwell read and submitted a preamble and resolutions adopted by Cincinnati Commandery No. 3, stationed at Cincinnati, inviting the Grand Encampment

Knights Templars of the United States, to hold its next Triennial Conclave in the city of Cincinnati, and requesting this Grand Commandery to endorse said invitation.

On a motion by Sir Knight M. J. Houck to endorse the invitation of Cincinnati Commandery, a discussion ensued, and as the sense of the Grand Commandery the following resolution, offered by Sir Knight L. F. Lyttle, was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the representatives of the Grand Commandery of Ohio to the Grand Encampment of the United States be authorized to invite the Grand Encampment, in the name of the Grand Commandery of Ohio, to meet in the city of Cincinnati in 1892, provided the three Commanderies stationed in Cincinnati concur in the invitation, the expenses to be borne by those bodies.

MASONIC HOME.

Sir Knight Gabriel B. Harman, from the joint committee appointed to consider and report upon the establishment of a Masonic Home in Ohio, read and submitted the following report:

To the Grand Lodge F. & A. Masons, Grand Chapter R. A. Masons, Grand Council R. & S. Masters, Grand Commandery Knights Templars:

The joint committee to whom was referred the question of the advisability of constructing a Masonic Home in the State of Ohio, for the shelter and relief of aged and infirm Masons, their wives, children, widows and orphans, begs leave to report as follows:

OTHER MASONIC HOMES.

There are a number of other jurisdictions which have either actually constructed or taken steps to construct such institutions, and the matter is receiving marked attention in a number of other States.

Conspicuous among the Homes now in successful operation, and, so far as your committee knows, the pioneer in this noble work, is the Masonic Widows' and Orphans' Home in Kentucky, located at Louisville.

This institution was incorporated in 1867, and its beneficent charity has been a blessing to hundreds of worthy widows and orphans during its twenty odd years of existence.

Its fund was derived at first largely from subscriptions of individuals and Masonic bodies, afterwards supplemented by assessments by the Grand Lodge upon its subordinates.

Its endowment fund is now nearly large enough to render it self-supporting.

Michigan, Iowa, Missouri and Texas have followed this noble example, and are building up similar institutions. If these States, with a

much smaller membership than our own jurisdiction, can support Homes, why may not our wealthy and prosperous commonwealth, with its more than 30,000 members of our beloved Order, rival if not eclipse them in this beneficent work?

RAISING FUNDS.

Naturally, the first inquiry that must be met and answered will be, "How shall such an institution be supported?" To this we reply:

1. By donations from individual members of the Order.
2. By contributions from the various Masonic bodies.
3. By a slight increase in the annual Grand dues, and setting aside each year the surplus over and above the actual expenses of the Grand Body.
4. By investments of these funds as they are received in safe interest-bearing securities.

Let us examine each of these sources of income in turn:

First—There are, in round figures, 35,000 Masons in Ohio. Many of these would cheerfully subscribe from $10 to $100 each; and there are very few but who would willingly give $1.00 at least. It would be safe to assume that from $50,000 to $75,000 could be obtained in this manner.

Second—There are about 500 Lodges, with 33,000 members; 140 Chapters, with 10,000 members; 71 Councils, with 4,000 members; 47 Commanderies, with 6,000 members. These would average not less than $25 to $50 each, and net not less than $20,000 to $30,000.

Third—An increase in the Grand dues of 25 cents per capita would bring no less than $10,000 more. Thus, taking the lowest estimate amount in each case, there would be received, as a beginning, over $80,000, which, invested at 4 per cent., would give a net income of $3,200. To this add the subsequent receipts from the Grand dues each year of $10,000, and the annual receipts would be over $13,000. By the end of two years the Home would have accumulated a fund of over $100,000.

OBJECTS.

Your committee recommend that its object be not limited—as in some jurisdictions—to the care of widows and orphans alone, but that it be extended to worthy Master Masons unable to care for themselves on account of age, infirmity or disease.

PLAN.

Two plans have suggested themselves to your committee as to the manner of constructing this Home.

The first contemplates a single structure, similar to the Louisville Home, large enough to accommodate the objects of our care, or, at most, not more than two or three buildings in the same locality.

The second plan suggested would provide for something similar to the Shaker settlements, and would organize the Home in the shape of a village, with separate cottages and gardens, a general school and workshops, and a tract of land sufficient to provide for supplying the farm products consumed.

Each plan has its peculiar advantages, and the selection should be carefully considered and made by your committee, to be hereafter appointed.

LOCATION.

This is a question to which your committee has given very little or no consideration, and thinks should be settled hereafter. It is more than likely that if it is decided to locate the Home in one of the large cities, that a friendly rivalry to secure it may be productive of valuable concessions and contributions to its endowment.

PROBABLE COST.

This will, of course, depend upon the selection of plan and location of the Home. Your committee would recommend, however, that a sum of not less than $100,000 should be secured before the adoption of any plan or the commencement of construction of buildings. It is the judgment of the committee, also, that not less than fifty acres of ground should be secured as a site for the Home, in a location conveniently accessible to one of the large cities in which the Grand Lodge is compelled to hold its sessions.

We therefore submit for your consideration and adoption the following resolutions:

Resolved, 1, By the Masonic Grand Bodies of the State of Ohio, viz, the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons, the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters, the Grand Commandery of Knights Templars, that a Home for the shelter and care of aged, infirm and distressed Master Masons, their wives, widows, children and orphans be constructed and managed under the auspices and control of said Grand Bodies.

2. That the existing joint committee of the above bodies be authorized to procure articles of incorporation of said Home, prepare a constitution for its government, and report the same to the presiding officers of the said Grand Bodies for approval.

3. That upon the approval of said constitution by the said Grand Officers, or a majority of them, and the incorporation of the said Home, the presiding officers of said Grand Bodies shall appoint a Board of Trustees, in accordance with the provisions of said constitution, to take charge of and manage the affairs of the said Home.

4. That said Board of Trustees are hereby authorized to solicit subscriptions from individuals, whether Masons or not, and from the various Masonic Bodies of this State, for the purpose of securing a fund for said

Home; but shall be required to have said fund immediately invested in some interest-paying security, and shall require the custodian thereof to give bond in a sum not less than double the amount in his possession and control.

5. That if these resolutions are agreed to by the various Grand Bodies, then each one of them will set aside from the receipts, annually, the sum of 25 cents per capita as a contribution to the support of said Home.

6. That the Trustees may have accurate information in regard to the probable number of the inmates of said Home, that the secretaries of each Lodge subordinate to the Grand Lodge of Ohio be requested to forward to the secretary of the said Board of Trustees, forthwith, the names, ages and other particulars of those within its jurisdiction who would probably apply for admission thereto.

Resolved, further, That the Grand Consistory of the A. and A. Scottish Rite in Ohio be invited to adopt the above resolutions, and unite with the other Grand Bodies above named in carrying them into effect.

Fraternally submitted,

HENRY PERKINS,
J. W. IREDELL,
CHAS. C. KIEFER,
Committee Grand Lodge.

W. B. HILLMAN,
J. H. BROMWELL,
Committee Grand Chapter.

J. W. CHAMBERLIN,
L. C. GOODALE,
Committee Grand Council.

G. B. HARMAN,
S. F. FORBES,
EDW. MORRELL,
Committee Grand Commandery.

Sir Knight A. F. Vance, Jr., moved that the report be received and printed in the Proceedings, which was so ordered.

Sir Knight Wm. B. Melish submitted the following preamble and resolutions relating to the foregoing report, which were unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, The Grand Commandery Knights Templars of Ohio, in receiving the report of the joint committee of the Grand Masonic Bodies of the State, is of the opinion that a Masonic Home should be established in Ohio; therefore, be it

Resolved, That this Grand Commandery hereby pledges itself to

co-operate with the other Grand Bodies in the establishment of said Home.

Resolved, That in the event the other Grand Masonic Bodies appoint Trustees for a Masonic Home, as contemplated, the Rt. Em. Grand Commander be and is hereby empowered to appoint Trustees to represent the Knights Templars of Ohio.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON GRIEVANCES.

Sir Knight A. F. Vance, Jr., from the Committee on Grievances, submitted the following report, which was, on motion of Sir Knight E. T. Carson, received and adopted:

To the Grand Commandery Knights Templars of Ohio:

Your Committee on Appeals and Grievances have had under consideration the certified action of St. Lukes Commandery No. 34, of Newark, Ohio, in the matter of its unanimous restoration to Templar standing of Sir George D. Grasser, a former member of the late Newark Commandery, and recommend that a certificate of good standing be issued to Sir Grasser by this Grand Commandery.

Your committee have also had under careful consideration the applications of Sirs P. F. Rhoads and Walter C. Symons, also former members of the late Newark Commandery, together with their disavowal and statement as required by this Grand Commandery, and praying for a certificate of good Templar standing; and your committee would therefore respectfully recommend that certificates be issued by the Grand Recorder to the Sir Knights named.

Sir Norton F. Claypool, a former member of the late Cyprus Commandery No. 10, of Zanesville, having complied with the requirements of this Grand Body in his application praying for a certificate, your committee recommend that a certificate of good Templar standing be issued to said Sir Norton F. Claypool.

The application of Sir John Blair, a former member of the late Newark Commandery, praying for a certificate of good Templar standing being on file with St. Lukes Commandery—said application being in the form prescribed by this Grand Commandery—your committee further recommend that the Grand Recorder be instructed to issue a certificate to Sir John Blair upon the receipt of said application, together with the dues pertaining thereto.

Respectfully submitted,

A. F. Vance, Jr.,
N. H. Albaugh,
W. M. Cunningham,
M. May,
C. E. Sheldon,
Committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

Sir Knight C. H. Simonds, from the Committee on Unfinished Business, read and submitted their report, as follows:

To the Grand Commandery Knights Templars of Ohio:

Your committee to whom was referred the matter of unfinished business would most respectfully report that we recommend the adoption of the amendment to the Statutes and Regulations, offered by Sir Knight E. T. Carson at the last conclave of this Body, and printed on page 99 of the Proceedings of 1888, and which is as follows:

In Article II, Section 6, line 2, strike out the words "on or before the first day of September in each year," and insert in lieu thereof, "at "such time in each year as may from time to time be fixed by resolu- "tion, and in such form as shall be prescribed by this Grand Com- "mandery." In line 8, strike out "$3.00," and insert "$2.00;" and in lines 8 and 9, strike out "75 cents" and insert "50 cents."

And we further recommend that the petition of Past Em. Commander W. M. Clark, of Martinsburg, W. Va., praying for membership in this Grand Commandery, be granted.

Respectfully submitted,

C. A. Simonds,
C. R. Fisher,
Frank Wright,
J. L. Pickering,
J. B. Ryan,
Committee.

On motion, that portion of the foregoing report referring to amendments to the Statutes and Regulations was adopted unanimously.

In accordance with the Statutes and Regulations, and on motion of Sir Knight S. Stacker Williams, a ballot was had upon the application of Sir Knight W. M. Clark, a Past Eminent Commander of Palestine Commandery No. 2, Martinsburg, W. Va., and now affiliated with St. Lukes Commandery No. 34, stationed at Newark, to become a member of this Grand Commandery, which resulted in his unanimous election.

TIME AND PLACE.

On motion of Sir Knight William R. Avery, to appoint a committee on time and place of the next Annual Conclave, the Rt. Em. Grand Commander appointed Sir Knights Wm.

R. Avery, C. E. Armstrong, and D. N. Kinsman such committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON JURISPRUDENCE.

Sir Knight H. H. Tatem, from the Committee on Templar Jurisprudence, read and submitted the following report, which, on motion, was received and unanimously adopted:

DAYTON, OHIO, August 14, 1889.

To the Grand Commandery Knights Templars of Ohio:

The undersigned Committee on Templar Jurisprudence, to whom was referred the several decisions on questions involving constructions of Templar law, as detailed by the Rt. Em. Grand Commander in his annual address, and such other matters therein requiring formal confirmation or approval by your body as may not have been referred to other committees, courteously report:

First—That the said several decisions be approved as conforming to the conditions, restrictions and requirements of Templar law.

Second—That, in our judgment, the only other matters embraced in the annual address of the Grand Commander requiring formal approval and not referred to other committees, are the dispensations granted to Commanderies for appearing in public, and for other purposes, in all of which cases we recommend that the action of the Grand Commander be approved. Especially do we commend his action in issuing his dispensation of general application to all Commanderies throughout the jurisdiction encouraging the worship of Almighty God, on all occasions wherein Knights Templars may appear in public as such, and we cordially recommend that the continuance of such a course be hereafter observed.

Courteously submitted,

H. H. TATEM,
E. T. CARSON,
ELI FASOLD,
B. D. BABCOCK,
L. F. LYTTLE,
Committee on Templar Jurisprudence.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

Sir Knight G. B. Harman, chairman of the Committee on Finance, submitted their report as follows, which was received and agreed to without dissent:

DAYTON, OHIO, August 14, 1889.

To the Rt. Em. Grand Commander, Officers and Members of the Grand Commandery Knights Templars of Ohio:

We your Committee on Finance beg leave to submit the following report:

We have fully examined the reports of the Eminent Grand Treasurer and Eminent Grand Recorder, together with the vouchers and exhibits accompanying the reports, and find all moneys received by the Grand Recorder during the past Templar year have been paid over to the Treasurer. We further find that all moneys paid to and received by the Grand Treasurer have been faithfully accounted for, and that full and complete vouchers, duly verified, have been presented to your committee for all disbursements of moneys made by the Grand Treasurer. We find the balance in the hands of the Grand Treasurer to be $12,750.62.

We also recommend the payment of the following:

To John N. Bell, incidental expenses	$ 66 15
To Grand Commander	50 43
To Groneweg Printing Co	97 45
To Eli Fasold, contingent expenses	21 25
To Henry Perkins, Rt. Em. Sir F. H. Rehwinkel's funeral	11 50
To W. B. Melish, incidental expenses	51 50
To Jacob Randall, Grand Sentinel	35 00
To J. B. Parsons, Grand Treasurer, salary	100 00
To E. T. Carson, Foreign Correspondence	300 00
To John N. Bell, Grand Recorder, balance salary	400 00
To Reed Commandery, annual appropriation	500 00
To Triennial Committee	3,000 00

We further recommend that the sum of $2,000 be appropriated, subject to the orders of the Triennial Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

G. B. HARMAN,
R. V. HAMPSON,
J. A. STIPP,
H. W. HUBBARD.
Committee.

PAST GRAND COMMANDER'S JEWEL.

On motion of Sir Knight B. D. Babcock, the Grand Recorder was instructed to procure and present to Sir Knight William T. Walker, the retiring Grand Commander, a Past Grand Commander's jewel, of the prescribed design.

OHIO TRIENNIAL BADGE.

Sir Knight Henry Perkins, from the Triennial Committee, made a verbal report regarding the distinctive badge adopted by the committee, being that of a miniature Templar sword, with the name of the State in enameled letters upon the hilt. He also gave a statement of the number ordered, cost, etc.

All matters connected with Ohio's representation at the Triennial Conclave having, by resolution at the last annual conclave, been placed in charge of the Triennial Committee, no further action was had on the subject.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHARTERS AND DISPENSATIONS.

Sir Knight C. E. Armstrong, from the Committee on Charters and Dispensations, read and submitted the following report:

To the Grand Commandery Knights Templars of Ohio:

Your Committee on Charters and Dispensations have had under examination the papers submitted to them, and beg leave to report as follows:

Lancaster Commandery No. 2 submit for approval an amendment to its by-laws, requiring the Treasurer of said Commandery to execute a bond to the Trustees. Your committee report the same back to the Grand Commandery without recommendation.

The approval of an amendment to the by-laws of Marion Commandery No. 36 is submitted, fixing the date and hour of the meetings of said Commandery. We recommend its approval.

We recommend the approval of an amendment to the by-laws of Steubenville Commandery No. 11, fixing the compensation of its Recorder.

Oriental Commandery No. 12 submits three proposed amendments. The second and third relate to compensation of its Treasurer and Recorder, and we recommend their approval. The first proposed amendment eliminates from their by-laws a provision for the affiliation of members, and as we find no provision made elsewhere in the by-laws for the affiliation of members, we recommend that the proposed amendment be not approved.

We have examined the books and papers of Wooster Commandery, U. D., and finding all to be in regular order, we recommend that a Charter be issued.

We have also carefully examined the books and sundry papers of Findlay Commandery, U. D., together with a petition addressed to this Grand Commandery praying for a Charter, and also a protest from De

Molay Commandery No. 9 against the establishment of such Commandery; and, while we are of opinion that the interests of Templar Masonry will be enhanced by the establishment of a Commandery as prayed for, we are confronted by a legal question which we courteously recommend be referred to the Committee on Templar Jurisprudence for solution.

C. E. Armstrong,
S. Stacker Williams,
W. H. Darrah,
Lewis M. Lea,
E. H. Johns,
Committee.

On motion the foregoing report was considered by sections.

On motion of Sir Knight H. H. Tatem, the proposed amendment to the by-laws of Lancaster Commandery No. 2 was approved, with the proviso that the Treasurer be bonded by a guaranty company instead of individual bondsmen.

On motion of Sir Knight L. F. Lyttle, all the remaining portion of the report referring to amendments to by-laws of Subordinate Commanderies was agreed to without dissent.

On motion of Sir Knight L. F. Lyttle, the recommendation to grant a Charter to Wooster Commandery, stationed at Wooster, was approved unanimously.

On motion of Sir Knight H. H. Tatem, the recommendation of the committee referring the question of Templar law involved in the application of Findlay Commandery, U. D., for a charter, to the Committee on Templar Jurisprudence, was approved, and the entire report, as amended, adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TIME AND PLACE.

Sir Knight Wm. R. Avery, from the Committee on Time and Place, submitted the following report:

To the Grand Commandery Knights Templars of Ohio:

Your committee to whom was referred the matter of time and place of the next meeting of the Grand Commandery of Ohio, beg leave to report the time the last Tuesday of August, 1890; the place, Toledo, O.

W. R. Avery,
Clarence E. Armstrong,
D. N. Kinsman,
Committee.

On motion the foregoing report was amended to read "the third Wednesday in August, 1890," as the time, and, as amended, the report was unanimously adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON JURISPRUDENCE.

Sir Knight H. H. Tatem, from the Committee on Jurisprudence, submitted the following supplementary report, which was received and adopted:

To the Grand Commandery Knights Templars of Ohio:

Your Committee on Templar Jurisprudence respectfully report that under the laws of the Grand Encampment of the United States, the Grand Commandery of Ohio has power to grant a charter for a new Commandery, on a petition of Sir Knights, if they deem it advisable, without the recommendation of the nearest Commandery, regardless of the existing Statutes of this Grand Commandery to the contrary. (See Proceedings Grand Encampment, 1886, page 159.)

H. H. Tatem,
E. T. Carson,
B. D. Babcock,
Eli Fasold,
L. F. Lyttle,
Committee on Templar Jurisprudence.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHARTERS AND DISPENSATIONS.

Sir Knight C. E. Armstrong, from the Committee on Charters and Dispensations, submitted the following supplementary report:

To the Grand Commandery Knights Templars of Ohio:

Your Committee on Charters and Dispensations report unanimously in favor of granting a Charter to Findlay Commandery, U. D.

C. E. Armstrong,
S. Stacker Williams,
W. H. Darrah,
Lewis M. Lea,
E. H. Johns,
Committee.

On a motion to adopt the foregoing report and grant a Charter, the ayes and nays were ordered, and a call of the roll resulted, ayes 40, nays 64, and the report was declared not adopted.

M. E. GRAND MASTER CHARLES ROOME.

Sir Knight E. T. Carson offered the following preamble and resolution, which was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, The Constitution of the Grand Encampment adopted in 1856, Article I, Section 5, Subdivision 1 (Section 13 of the edition of 1877), as amended in 1877, provides that the Grand Master, as a *part* of his prerogatives and duties, "shall have a watchful supervision over all the Commanderies, Grand and Subordinate, in the United States, and see that all the Constitutional enactments, Statutes and Edicts of the Grand Encampment are duly and promptly observed, and that the work and discipline of Templar Masonry everywhere are uniform throughout the Jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment;" therefore, be it

Resolved, That the action of Grand Master Charles Roome in dealing with the open rebellion of the Grand Commander and the Grand Commandery of Iowa, against a law of the Grand Encampment of the United States relating to the Rituals, is fully and unqualifiedly approved by the Grand Commandery of Knights Templars of Ohio. He could not have done less and been faithful to his vow of office; therefore, he is entitled to and should receive the hearty commendation, approval and support of all loyal Masonic Knights Templars.

DISPENSATIONS FOR NEW COMMANDERIES.

Sir Knight E. T. Carson submitted the following resolution, which was, on motion, adopted:

Resolved, That hereafter when a petition is presented to the Rt. Em. Grand Commander for a dispensation for a new Commandery he be, and he is hereby *requested* not to grant such dispensation, but refer the same to the Grand Commandery at its next annual conclave, with such comments on the same as he may deem proper; *Provided*, That this resolution shall not apply to the application of the Sir Knights at Findlay.

INSTALLATION OF SIR H. P. MCINTOSH.

On motion of Sir Knight B. D. Babcock, the Rt. Em. Grand Commander, or a deputy appointed by him, was authorized to install Sir Knight Henry P. McIntosh, Grand Senior Warden elect, the latter not being present at this conclave.

THANKS.

On motion of Sir Knight Wm. B. Melish, the thanks of the members of the Grand Commandery were unanimously ten-

dered the Sir Knights of Reed Commandery No. 6, for the many courtesies shown during the present Grand Conclave.

PRINTED PROCEEDINGS.

On motion of Sir Knight S. Stacker Williams, the Grand Recorder was authorized to have one thousand copies of the proceedings of this conclave printed and distributed to those entitled to receive them.

MEMORIAL PAGE.

Sir Knight Charles C. Kiefer, Grand Representative of the Grand Commandery Knights Templars of California, announced the recent death of Rt. Em. Sir Carnot C. Mason, Grand Commander of that Grand Jurisdiction, and, on motion, a memorial page was ordered set apart in the printed proceedings to his memory.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES' GREETINGS.

The following named Grand Representatives extended Knightly salutations and greetings from the several Grand Jurisdictions to which they are accredited:

Sir Jno. W. Lewis.....for Alabama.
Sir Charles C. Kiefer.....for California.
Sir Brenton D. Babcock.....for Connecticut.
Sir S. Stacker Williams.....for Dakota and Texas.
Sir Gabriel B. Harman.....for Illinois.
Sir Martin J. Houck.....for Indiana.
Sir Robt. V. Hampson.....for Kansas.
Sir J. H. Bromwell.....for Kentucky.
Sir Enoch T. Carson.....for Louisiana.
Sir Robt. Gwynn.....for Maryland.
Sir Wm. L. Buechner.....for Mississippi.
Sir Eli Fasold.....for Nebraska.
Sir A. F. Vance, Jr.....for New Hampshire.
Sir Leander Burdick.....for New Jersey.
Sir La Fayette Lyttle.....for New York.
Sir Henry H. Tatem.....for Tennessee.
Sir Wm. M. Meek.....for Wisconsin.
Sir Wm. F. Baldwin.....for Wyoming.

Sir Knight J. W. Chamberlin, Grand Representative of Rhode Island, being unable to be present at this conclave, sent letter of greeting and regret.

INSTALLATION OF GRAND OFFICERS.

The Grand Officers elect, with the exception of Sir Knight H. P. McIntosh, Grand Senior Warden, were duly installed by Rt. Em. Sir Enoch T. Carson, Past Grand Commander, with the aid of Rt. Em. Sir La Fayette Lyttle acting as Grand Marshal, and after a solemn invocation of the Divine blessing by the Grand Prelate, Sir La Fayette Van Cleve, formal announcement of installation was made by the Grand Marshal.

MEMORIALS.

Sir Knight La Fayette Van Cleve, from the Committee on Obituaries, read and submitted their report, which was adopted and ordered printed in the proceedings, as follows:

To the Grand Commandery Knights Templars of Ohio:

We your Committee on Necrology beg leave to report that we have made diligent effort to obtain such facts concerning our deceased Fraters as would enable us to present a correct obituary of each. We cannot hope that a just and adequate statement of the life and excellencies of any could be comprised within the short space that it would be practicable to occupy for that purpose. With a brief statement and characterization, therefore, we have been obliged to be content.

The names of Past V. Em. Sir Sanford L. Collins, Past Rt. Em. Sir Frederick H. Rehwinkel, Past V. Em. Sir Theodore F. Nieman, and Past Em. Sir Justus S. Wilson were referred to us, for each of whom we recommend the Grand Commandery to set apart a memorial page in the printed proceedings.

We submit, also, the following memoirs:

Rt. Em. Sir Frederick H. Rehwinkel.

On Saturday, June 8, 1889, Dr. Frederick H. Rehwinkel ended his life pilgrimage, peacefully, at his own home in the city of Chillicothe, O. He was born June 15, 1825, at Celle in Hanover, and lacked but seven days of reaching his 64th milestone. He studied medicine in his

native land, but, because of political troubles, he immigrated to America in 1849. He began practice in Natchez, Miss., afterwards came to Cincinnati, O. In 1850 he opened an office as homeopathic physician in Chillicothe, where he remained, except one year in Portsmouth, O., until his death. The year following he was united in marriage with Miss Mary Jones, who, with their daughter Cora, survives him. He found his tastes and inclinations more in harmony with the practice of dentistry, in which he took his degree of Doctor of Dental Surgery from the college of that profession in Baltimore, Md., in 1855, and from that time continued the practice thereof until his death.

During the late civil war he enlisted in his country's service, and was commissioned captain in the 37th Regiment, O. V. I. After a short term of service he was ordered home on sick leave, and when returning to his regiment he was so injured by the overturning of a stage coach that he was compelled to resign his position in the army. Yet his interest in the cause remained unabated, and his relation to the Grand Army organization was to him a source of pleasure and pride, as it also was to the organization, which delighted to honor him in life, and sincerely deplored the Providence which called him from them.

Sir Frederick H. Rehwinkel was a Christian gentleman, whose easy dignity invited friendships but rendered vulgar familiarity impossible. As a citizen he was honored and respected. In the ethics of his profession he was so punctiliously exact as to make rivalry therein scarcely possible.

As a Mason he advanced from the first to the very highest grade. He was admitted to Scioto Lodge No. 6, F. & A. M., on dimit, March 3, 1853. In Chillicothe Chapter No. 4 he was exalted to Companion R. A. M., September 18, 1858. He was constituted a Knight of the Illustrious Order of the Red Cross in Chillicothe Commandery No. 8, September 27, 1866, and dubbed and created Knight of the Valiant and Magnanimous Order of Knights Templars, Knight of Malta, or Order of St. John of Jerusalem, Palestine, Rhodes and Malta, October 1, 1866. He was Em. Commander of Chillicothe Commandery for the years 1879 and 1880. In 1885 he was elected Em. Grand Generalissimo; in 1886, V. Em. Deputy Grand Commander, and in 1887, Rt. Em. Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Ohio.

Sir Rehwinkel had also taken the degrees of Scottish Rite Masonry, conferred by the Grand Consistory of Ohio, Northern Masonic Jurisdiction, and had recently been promoted to the 33d, or S. G. Inspectors General, an honor shared by few, but well deserved by him. This promotion gave him great pleasure, and was a source of proud satisfaction to the citizens of Chillicothe, who had a lively consciousness of the honor thus bestowed on their city.

His funeral was attended by a very large concourse of citizens, Commanderies of Knights Templars, Chapters, Lodges, Scottish Rite Masons, and Grand Army comrades. Rev. C. L. Fischer, rector of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, of which Sir Rehwinkel was a member, read the service of that church. The ritual of the Knights Templars was afterwards rendered by the officers of the Grand Commandery, Past Rt. Em. Grand Commander Sir La Fayette Lyttle, in accordance with the expressed wish of the deceased, acting as Grand Prelate; Sir Henry L. Perkins, V. Em. Deputy Grand Commander of Ohio, presiding by request, and in the stead of Rt. Em. Sir W. T. Walker, who could not be present.

Theodore Frederick Nieman.

On the 26th day of June, 1889, Sir Theodore Frederick Nieman peacefully, in the presence of his family, and at his own home on Broadway in Cincinnati, passed into the place of departed spirits. He was born October 28, 1841, and was in his 48th year. His entire life had been spent in Cincinnati, so that he was widely known, and, we may add, was everywhere respected. As evidence of this he was a member of several business boards, and had also represented his county in the Ohio Legislature with honor and to the satisfaction of his constituents. He had also served his country with distinction in the army during the late civil war. He was a dutiful and affectionate son and husband, a fond father, and the light and joy of his home.

He received his religious education in the Lutheran Church, but did not consider himself a communicant therein. Masonic teachings and Masonic assemblies awakened his chief enthusiasm, and seemed to have the mastery of his thoughts and affections, and whatever our opinions may be, criticism at this time would not be in place. He identified himself with the fraternity in his early manhood, and devoted to it much time and thought. He was a member of LaFayette Lodge No. 81, F. & A. M., over which he had presided as Worshipful Master. He was also a Past High Priest of Willis Chapter No. 131, of which he was still a member, being its treasurer, and one of its most influential Companions.

He was a member of Hanselmann Commandery No. 16, had been its Eminent Commander, and at the time of his death was its Captain General. Knight Templary, and especially Hanselmann Commandery, was to him the bright jewel of his life.

In the year 1881 Sir Nieman was chosen Grand Junior Warden in the Grand Commandery of Ohio, and was re-elected in 1882. In 1883 he was advanced to the office of Grand Captain General, and the year following was elected and installed Grand Generalissimo.

In every relation he was frank and ingenuous; true to his convictions, he cheerfully accepted the consequences of maintaining them. His funeral was conducted by the Grand Commandery of Ohio, in the Scottish Rite Cathedral on Broadway, in the presence of an immense concourse of Masons and citizens, presided over and directed by Em. Grand Generalissimo Sir W. B. Melish, by appointment of the Rt. Em. Grand Commander.

In 1887 he became a member of the A. & A. Scottish Rite, and was advanced to the grade of S. P. R. S., 32°. The Sovereign Grand Consistory of Ohio also participated in the funeral services, and an escort from that body accompanied his remains to their last resting place in Spring Grove Cemetery.

In his early life he married Miss Eliza Mentel, by whom he had five children. Her womanly accomplishments and wifely fidelity made his home his delight and pride, and she now sincerely mourns his departure, at a period when they were both apparently in the vigor of life, and in the midst of its duties. Yet she, with her children, bow in humble submission to a wise Providence, and trust for the hidden mercies which are ever in the bosom of the orphan's Father and the widow's God, whose ready heart ever beats in affectionate sympathy with his stricken children.

Justus S. Wilson.

On the 15th of January, 1889, "the insatiate Archer," Death, entered the home of our beloved Frater, Justus S. Wilson, in Mechanicsburg, O., and he fell from the ranks of Christian warriors. But the beautiful faith and example of our ascended Lord, which had long been his solace and inspiration, afforded him consolation in that gloomy hour, and took away the shadows from the grave.

He was a devout Christian, a kind father, an affectionate husband, and a sincere friend. He had passed the meridian of human life, but the date of his birth we have not received.

He became an entered apprentice in Mechanicsburg Lodge No. 113, on the 27th of February, 1855, passed to the degree of a Fellowcraft the 27th of the month following, and was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason May 1, 1855.

The spring following he took the degrees of the Chapter, beginning with Mark Master April 14, 1856, and was exalted as a Royal Arch Mason May 19, 1856, in Urbana Chapter No. 34. February 14, 1866, a dispensation was issued by M. E. G. H. P. George Rex to form Goshen Chapter No. 95, and Companion Wilson was appointed the High Priest therein, the Charter issued, and he was kept in the same office by successive elections for fourteen years.

On the 27th of December, 1866, he became a Knight of the Red Cross in Mt. Vernon Commandery No. 1, and on the 31st of December, 1867, he was dubbed and created a Knight Templar and Knight of Malta.

In August, 1869, he, with others, was empowered to open a Commandery of Knights Templars in Urbana, to be known as Raper Commandery. He was appointed, and afterwards successively elected, its Em. Commander for five years In 1872 and 1873 he filled the office of Grand Standard Bearer, and in 1874 he was elected Grand Junior Warden of the Grand Commandery of Ohio. In all of these relations he acquitted himself with honor, and reflected credit upon the constituent body which he represented. He died lamented, and left a record without a blot. His Fraters kindly lavished upon his memory Masonic honors, and tenderly laid his lifeless form away to await the call to immortality.

Sanford L. Collins.

The weary pilgrimage of life in which we are all engaged must end, and the battle with its "lying vanities" cease. The valley of darkness and the sepulchre are inevitable.

The angel of death received the solemn mandate, and struck from the roll of earthly existence in the city of Toledo, O., at his own home, on the 3d of February, 1889, our Frater, Sir Sanford L. Collins. When our ranks were small in Toledo he was placed at the head. In 1857 he was elected Em. Commander of Toledo Commandery No. 7, and was re-elected annually for a term of eleven years. In 1863 he was chosen V. Em. Deputy Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Ohio, but a growing infirmity of deafness greatly interfered with his efficiency and enjoyment in the sessions, and admonished him that others must occupy his offices and excuse him. He realized the meaning of his Templar lessons, and rejoiced in the immortal hopes they taught. According to his expressed wish, he was buried in a modest manner by the members of his Commandery, beloved and mourned by a large circle of friends, having been a resident in the same place from his first settling in Toledo.

L. F. Van Cleve,
C. C. Kiefer,
Wm. M. Meek,
Committee.

CLOSING.

The minutes of the afternoon session having been read and approved, the Sir Knights were led in their devotions by the Eminent Grand Prelate, and the Grand Commandery Knights Templars of Ohio, having completed its labors, adjourned, to meet in Toledo, the third Wednesday in August, A. D. 1890, A. O. 772.

Grand Commander.

Attest:

Grand Recorder.

Consolidated Return of Subordinate Commanderies.

Number.	Names.	Location.	County.	Members in 1888.	Created in the year.	Admitted.	Reinstated	Withdr'n.	Died.
1	Mt. Vernon.	Columbus ..	Franklin ...	251	23	5	20	3	4
2	Lancaster...	Lancaster ..	Fairfield ...	109	2	....	....	3	1
3	Cincinnati..	Cincinnati..	Hamilton ..	323	6	2	2	9	6
4	Massillon...	Massillon...	Stark.....	121	14	2	2	2	7
5	Clinton	Mt. Vernon.	Knox	108	3	....	1	2	....
6	Reed	Dayton.....	Montgomery	284	20	1	2	5	4
7	Toledo.....	Toledo.....	Lucas	248	5	2	2	4	5
8	Chillicothe .	Chillicothe .	Ross	192	3	3	....	3	2
9	De Molay...	Tiffin.....	Seneca	98	8	1	2	2	1
11	Steubenville	Steubenville	Jefferson ...	146	4	1	....	4	....
12	Oriental.....	Cleveland ..	Cuyahoga...	365	26	2	....	2	4
13	Calvary.....	Portsmouth	Scioto	114	10	2	....	21	1
14	Shawnee ...	Lima.....	Allen.....	204	23	2	....	3	2
15	Athens.....	Athens.....	Athens.....	86	13	....	7	5	....
16	Hanselm'n..	Cincinnati..	Hamilton ..	237	13	....	....	10	4
17	Coleman....	Troy	Miami.....	153	2	....	....	1	1
18	Norwalk ...	Norwalk ...	Huron	147	3	....	....	7	1
19	Raper	Urbana	Champaign.	167	8	3	1	9	3
20	St. Johns...	Youngstown	Mahoning ..	116	10	....	....	9	2
21	Mansfield ..	Mansfield ..	Richland ...	147	2	3	....	6	1
22	Miami.....	Lebanon ...	Warren	84	5	....	7	1	2
23	Erie.....	Sandusky ..	Erie.....	108	4	2	1	3	2
24	Ohio Valley.	Pomeroy ...	Meigs	63	12	....	2	1	1
25	Akron	Akron.....	Summit.....	163	8	1	....	9	3
26	Hope	St. Clairsv'le	Belmont....	103	3	....	....	5	1
27	Cache	Conneaut...	Ashtabula..	87	13	....	....	1	....
28	Garfield	Wash. C. H.	Fayette	79	3	1	1	3	....
29	Eagle	Painesville .	Lake	118	3	1	....	1	....
30	Defiance ...	Defiance....	Defiance....	124	11	....	....	3	....
31	Highland...	Hillsboro...	Highland...	55	....	....	....	2	....
32	Holyrood...	Cleveland ..	Cuyahoga...	262	25	1	....	5	2
33	Palestine ...	Springfield..	Clark	202	10	....	....	1	4
34	St. Lukes...	Newark.....	Licking.....	44	5	1	1	2	1
35	Scioto	Circleville ..	Pickaway ..	75	3	....	....	1	....
36	Marion.....	Marion.....	Marion.....	127	10	....	....	4	1
37	Wilmington	Wilmington	Clinton.....	55	2	....	....	1	....
38	Canton.....	Canton.....	Stark.....	92	12	2	1	2	1
39	Warren.....	Warren	Trumbull ..	80	7	....	....	1	....
40	Forest City.	Cleveland ..	Cuyahoga...	57	8	1	....	2	....
41	Hamilton ..	Hamilton ..	Butler.....	50	8	2	....	....	1
42	Salem	Salem	Columbiana	86	12	5	....	1	....
43	The Rose...	Gallipolis ..	Gallia	41	4	....	....	1	1
44	Trinity.....	Cincinnati..	Hamilton...	85	6	6	....	....	....
45	Ironton	Ironton	Lawrence ..	15	11	20	....	....	....
46	Sidney	Sidney	Shelby	73	15	10	....	1	1
47	Cambridge..	Cambridge..	Guernsey...	....	23	15	....	....	....
U. D.	Wooster....	Wooster....	Wayne.....	....	....	....	....	....	....
				5944	421	97	52	161	70

Membership, 1888	5944	Withdrawn	161	Total	6514
Created	421	Died	70	Loss	381
Admitted	97	Dropped N.-P. D.	134		
Reinstated	52	Expelled	16	Membership	6133
				Net gain	189
	6514		381		

for the Year Ending July 31, A. O. 771, A. D. 1889.

Dropped N.-P. Dues.	Susp'd unmas'ic con.	Expelled.	Members in 1889.	Dues Paid Gr. Commandery.	Em. Commander.	Recorder.
....	....	....	292	$190 50	Wm. H. Darrah.....	W. E. Joseph.
....	....	....	107	56 50	S. S. Conner.....	C. W. Matthews.
....	....	....	318	169 50	Herbert T. Kent.....	Jacob H. Bromwell.
....	....	....	130	104 00	Z. T. Baltzly	Sam'l C. Bowman.
1	....	....	109	60 50	Wm. M. Koons	Sam'l H. Peterman.
5	....	....	293	177 50	Wm. B. Anderson...	John H. Scheffel.
....	....	....	248	132 50	Clar'ce E. Armstrong	James D. Knights.
....	....	....	193	101 00	Isaiah H. McCormick	John H. Miller.
1	....	....	105	68 00	Chas E. Davis	A. A. Cunningham.
29	....	....	118	65 00	Henry M. Priest	Ross White.
....	....	1	386	232 00	Wm. T. Robbins	John H. Asplin.
....	....	....	104	67 00	Sam'l M. Johnson...	J. H. Johnson.
12	....	....	212	140 50	E. H. Johns	R. O. Woods.
....	....	....	101	78 50	Jos. L. Pickering....	C. McLean.
23	....	7	206	122 50	Oliver L. Perin.....	Alfred T. Roever.
4	....	....	149	77 50	Jno. S. Patterson....	J. L. Brump.
2	....	4	136	72 50	C. L. Kennan	H. S. Mitchell.
....	....	....	167	97 00	Edwin Hagenbuch..	Reizin C. Horr.
4	...	3	108	67 00	Jas. H. Thompson...	Benj. F. Boyd.
....	....	....	145	75 50	H. M. Alvord	George W. Cole.
8	....	....	85	53 50	F. M. Cunningham..	Thomas Hardy.
....	....	....	110	65 00	C. M. Keyes	Henry Bricken.
8	....	....	67	54 00	W. A. Race	W. L. Downie.
6	....	....	154	89 00	Arthur Latham	A. H. Sargent.
15	....	....	85	47 00	Jas. B. Ryan.....	J. B. Meyer.
....	....	....	99	69 00	C. H. Simonds.....	Frank Dickinson.
....	....	....	81	46 00	F. M. Black.....	Richard Millikan.
2	....	....	119	64 00	Wm. A. Coleman ...	Henry H. Coe.
....	....	....	132	82 50	L. E. Beardsley	Edward Squire.
....	....	....	53	26 50	R. T. Trimble	J. R. Callahan.
2	....	1	278	176 50	W. K. Ricksecker ...	J. C. Selby.
....	....	....	207	118 50	Samuel Harford	John M. Carey.
....	....	....	48	32 00	Wm. W. Neal.....	C. F. Burner.
....	....	....	77	43 00	I. N. Abernethy	Milton Morris.
....	....	....	132	81 00	Harvey Wilson.....	W. L. Clement.
2	....	....	54	30 00	C. R. Fisher	C. I. Hockett.
1	....	....	103	70 00	P. H. Barr.....	John R. Reed.
1	....	...	85	53 00	Geo. H. Taylor.....	James L. Kennedy.
....	....	....	64	44 00	Lewis W. Day.....	U. A. E. Dustin.
6	....	....	53	38 50	Thos. Dowrey.....	D. E. Sheehan.
1	....	....	101	68 50	R. V. Hampson	James Boyle.
....	....	....	43	27 50	Horace R. Bradbury.	John C. Vanden.
1	....	....	96	57 00	Joseph Kirkup	Ed. C. Harding.
....	....	....	46	39 50	B. F. Ellsberry.....	R. H. Ellis.
....	....	....	96	70 50	Robert Sutton.....	Alex. C. Fowler.
....	....	....	38	53 50	Wm. Quinn.....	A. C. Cochran.
....	....	....	....	.....	T. E. Peckinpaugh ..	E. W. Botsford.
134	....	16	6133	$3754 50		

$3,754 50. DAYTON, OHIO, August 14, 1889.

Received from Sir Jno. N. Bell, Grand Recorder, Thirty-Seven Hundred and Fifty-Four and Fifty One-hundredths Dollars, dues from Subordinate Commanderies.

J. BURTON PARSONS, *Grand Treasurer.*

PAY-ROLL of Members of the Grand Commandery Knights Templars of Ohio.

No.	Names.	Location.	County.	Miles.	Mileage.	Per Diem.	Amount.	To Whom Paid.
1	Mt. Vernon	Columbus	Franklin	70	$ 5 60	$3 00	$ 8 60	W. H. Darrah.
2	Lancaster	Lancaster	Fairfield	96	7 68	3 00	10 68	J. W. Lewis.
3	Cincinnati	Cincinnati	Hamilton	56	4 48	3 00	7 48	H. T. Kent.
4	Massillon	Massillon	Stark	185	14 80	3 00	17 80	Z. T. Baltzly.
5	Clinton	Mt. Vernon	Knox	116	9 28	3 00	12 28	Wm. M. Koons.
6	Reed	Dayton	Montgomery	.....	.....	3 00	3 00	W. B. Anderson.
7	Toledo	Toledo	Lucas	142	11 36	3 00	14 36	C. E. Armstrong.
8	Chillicothe	Chillicothe	Ross	80	6 40	3 00	9 40	I. H. McCormick.
9	De Molay	Tiffin	Seneca	118	9 44	3 00	12 44	C. E. Davis.
11	Steubenville	Steubenville	Jefferson	220	17 60	3 00	20 60	H. M. Priest.
12	Oriental	Cleveland	Cuyahoga	185	14 80	3 00	17 80	W. T. Robbins.
13	Calvary	Portsmouth	Scioto	130	10 40	3 00	13 40	Samuel M. Johnson.
14	Shawnee	Lima	Allen	71	5 68	3 00	8 68	E. H. Johns.
15	Athens	Athens	Athens	140	11 20	3 00	14 20	J. L. Pickering.
16	Hanselmann	Cincinnati	Hamilton	56	4 48	3 00	7 48	O. L. Perin.
17	Coleman	Troy	Miami	20	1 60	3 00	4 60	John S. Patterson.
18	Norwalk	Norwalk	Huron	150	12 00	3 00	15 00	C. L. Kennan.
19	Raper	Urbana	Champaign	36	2 88	3 00	5 88	Ed. Hagenbuch.
20	St. Johns	Youngstown	Mahoning	242	19 36	3 00	22 36	J. H. Thompson.
21	Mansfield	Mansfield	Richland	120	9 60	3 00	12 60	H. M. Alvord.
22	Miami	Lebanon	Warren	26	2 08	3 00	5 08	F. M. Cunningham.
23	Erie	Sandusky	Erie	152	12 16	3 00	15 16	C. M. Keyes.
24	Ohio Valley	Pomeroy	Meigs	175	14 00	3 00	17 00	W. A. Race.
25	Akron	Akron	Summit	187	14 96	3 00	17 96	Arthur Latham.
26	Hope	St. Clairsville	Belmont	210	16 80	3 00	19 80	J. B. Ryan.
27	Cache	Conneaut	Ashtabula	253	20 24	3 00	23 24	C. H. Simonds.
28	Garfield	Washington C. H	Fayette	.....	.....	.....	.....	
29	Eagle	Painesville	Lake	214	17 12	3 00	20 12	Wm. A. Coleman.
30	Defiance	Defiance	Defiance	129	10 32	3 00	13 32	L. E. Beardsley.
31	Highland	Hillsboro	Highland	106	8 48	3 00	11 48	R. T. Trimble.
32	Holyrood	Cleveland	Cuyahoga	185	14 80	3 00	16 80	W. K. Ricksecker.
33	Palestine	Springfield	Clark	25	2 00	3 00	5 00	Samuel Harford.
34	St. Lukes	Newark	Licking	103	8 24	3 00	11 24	W. W. Neal.
35	Scioto	Circleville	Pickaway	75	6 00	3 00	9 00	A. R. Bolin.
36	Marion	Marion	Marion	85	6 80	3 00	9 80	G. S. McGuire.
37	Wilmington	Wilmington	Clinton	64	5 12	3 00	8 12	C. R. Fisher.
38	Canton	Canton	Stark	195	15 50	3 00	18 60	P. H. Barr.
39	Warren	Warren	Trumbull	226	18 16	3 00	21 16	John Koehler.
40	Forest City	Cleveland	Cuyahoga	185	14 80	3 00	17 80	Frank Wright.
41	Hamilton	Hamilton	Butler	34	2 72	3 00	5 72	Thomas Dowrey.
42	Salem	Salem	Columbiana	225	18 00	3 00	21 00	R. V. Hampson.
43	The Rose	Gallipolis	Gallia	150	12 00	3 00	15 00	H. R. Bradbury.
44	Trinity	Cincinnati	Hamilton	56	4 48	3 00	7 48	Joseph Kirkup.
45	Ironton	Ironton	Lawrence	157	12 56	3 00	15 56	B. F. Ellsberry.
46	Sidney	Sidney	Shelby	38	3 04	3 00	6 04	R. Sutton.
47	Cambridge	Cambridge	Guernsey	155	12 40	3 00	15 40	W. S. Campbell.

PAY-ROLL of Officers of the Grand Commandery Knights Templars of Ohio.

Officers.	Station.	Residence	Miles.	Mileage.	Per Diem.	Amount.	To Whom Paid.
Sir William T. Walker	Rt. Em. Gr. Com	Toledo	142	$11 36	$3 00	$14 36	Wm. T. Walker.
Sir Henry Perkins	V. Em. Dep. Gr. Com.	Akron	187	14 96	3 00	17 96	H. Perkins.
Sir William B. Melish	Em. Gr. General'mo.	Cincinnati	56	4 48	3 00	7 48	W. B. Melish.
Sir Huntington Brown	Em. Gr. Capt. Gen'l	Mansfield	120	9 60	3 00	12 60	Huntington Brown.
Sir La Fayette Van Cleve	Em. Gr. Prelate	Cincinnati	56	4 48	3 00	7 48	L. F. Van Cleve.
Sir Martin J. Houck	Em, Gr. S. W.	Dayton	.....	.....	3 00	3 00	M. J. Houck.
Sir Elisha M. Colver	Em. Gr. J. W.	Sandusky	.....	.....	.....	.....	
Sir J. Burton Parsons	Em. Gr. Treasurer	Cleveland	185	14 80	3 00	17 80	J. B. Parsons.
Sir John N. Bell	Em. Gr. Recorder	Dayton	.....	.....	3 00	3 00	Jno. N. Bell.
Sir William M. Meek	Em. Gr. St'd Bearer	Hillsboro	106	8 48	3 00	11 48	Wm. M. Meek.
Sir Gibson H. Robinson	Em. Gr. Sw'd Bearer	Cleveland	.....	.....	.....	.....	
Sir William S. Hufford	Em. Gr. Warder	Lebanon	25	2 08	3 00	5 08	W. S. Hufford.
Sir Jacob Randall	Em. Gr. Capt. of G'd	Waynesville	30	2 40	3 00	5 40	J. Randall.
Sir Enoch T. Carson	Past Rt. Em. Gr. Com.	Cincinnati	56	4 48	3 00	7 48	E. T. Carson.
Sir Charles C. Kiefer	Past Rt. Em. Gr. Com.	Urbana	36	2 88	3 00	5 88	C. C. Kiefer.
Sir Brenton D. Babcock	Past Rt. Em. Gr. Com.	Cleveland	185	14 80	3 00	17 80	B. D. Babcock.
Sir J. Kelly O'Neall	Past Rt. Em. Gr. Com.	Lebanon	26	2 08	3 00	5 08	J. Kelly O'Neall.
Sir Henry H. Tatem	Past Rt. Em. Gr. Com.	Cincinnati	56	4 48	3 00	7 48	Henry H. Tatem.
Sir Alex. F. Vance, Jr.	Past Rt. Em. Gr. Com.	Urbana	36	2 88	3 00	5 88	A. F. Vance, Jr.
Sir Eli Fasold	Past Rt. Em. Gr. Com.	Dayton	.....	.....	3 00	3 00	Eli Fasold.
Sir La Fayette Lyttle	Past Rt. Em. Gr. Com.	Toledo	142	11 36	3 00	14 36	La Fayette Lyttle.
			7089	$567 12	$192 00	$759 12	

Annals of the Grand Commandery

of Knights Templars of Ohio, Since its Organization.

Year	Grand Commander.	Dep. Gr. Commander.	Grand Generalissimo.
1843	*Michael Z. Kreider.	*George D. Hine.	*Isaac C. Copelen.
1844	*Michael Z. Kreider.	*George D. Hine.	*Isaac C. Copelen.
1845	*Bela Latham.	*John L. Vattier.	*Jonathan N. Burr.
1846	*Bela Latham.	*John L. Vattier.	*Jonathan N. Burr.
1847	*Bela Latham.	*John L. Vattier.	*Jonathan N. Burr.
1848	*John L. Vattier.	*William H. Raper.	*Kent Jarvis.
1849	*John L. Vattier.	*Thomas Bell.	J. S. Atwood.
1850	*William B. Thrall.	*C. F. Hanselmann.	*George L. Shinnick.
1851	*C. F. Hanselmann.	*Kent Jarvis.	*R. H. Cotton.
1852	*C. F. Hanselmann.	J. S. Atwood.	*R. H. Cotton.
1853	*C. F. Hanselmann.	*Thomas Orr.	Benjamin F. Smith.
1854	*C. F. Hanselmann.	Benjamin F. Smith.	*George W. True.
1855	*C. F. Hanselmann.	Benjamin F. Smith.	*George W. True.
1856	*C. F. Hanselmann.	*George W. True.	*John H. Achey.
1857	*C. F. Hanselmann.	*John H. Achey.	Richard Creighton.
1858	*John H. Achey.	*Kent Jarvis.	Richard Creighton.
1859	*Kent Jarvis.	*Thomas Sparrow.	Richard Creighton.
1860	*Kent Jarvis.	*Thomas Sparrow.	Richard Creighton.
1861	*Kent Jarvis.	*Thomas Sparrow.	Richard Creighton.
1862	*Kent Jarvis.	*S. L. Collins.	Richard Creighton.
1863	*Kent Jarvis.	Heman Ely	Charles C. Kiefer.
1864	Heman Ely.	Charles Brown.	Charles C. Kiefer.
1865	Heman Ely.	Charles Brown.	Charles C. Kiefer.
1866	Heman Ely.	Charles Brown.	Charles C. Kiefer.
1867	Heman Ely.	†William A. Hershiser.	James W. Underhill.
1868	Heman Ely.	*Thomas Sparrow.	Charles A. Woodward.
1869	Heman Ely.	*Thomas Sparrow.	Oliver E. Davis.
1870	Heman Ely.	*Thomas Sparrow.	Oliver E. Davis.
1871	Enoch T. Carson.	Oliver E. Davis.	Joseph M. Stuart.
1872	Enoch T. Carson.	Charles C. Kiefer.	John W. Lewis.
1873	Enoch T. Carson.	Charles C. Kiefer.	John W. Lewis.
1874	Enoch T. Carson.	Charles C. Kiefer.	Brenton D. Babcock.
1875	Charles C. Kiefer.	J. Kelly O'Neall.	Brenton D. Babcock.
1876	Charles C. Kiefer.	J. Kelly O'Neall.	Brenton D. Babcock.
1877	Brenton D. Babcock.	J. Kelly O'Neall.	Henry H. Tatem.
1878	Brenton D. Babcock.	J. Kelly O'Neall.	Henry H. Tatem.
1879	J. Kelly O'Neall.	Henry H. Tatem.	Alex. F. Vance, Jr.
1880	J. Kelly O'Neall.	Henry H. Tatem.	Alex F. Vance, Jr.
1881	Henry H. Tatem.	Alex. F. Vance, Jr.	Eli Fasold.
1882	Henry H. Tatem.	Alex. F. Vance, Jr.	Eli Fasold.
1883	Alex. F. Vance, Jr.	Eli Fasold.	†Charles E. Stanley.
1884	Eli Fasold.	†Charles E. Stanley.	*Theodore F. Nieman.
1885	†Charles E. Stanley.	La Fayette Lyttle.	*F. H. Rehwinkel.
1886	La Fayette Lyttle.	*F. H. Rehwinkel.	O. A. B. Senter.
1887	*Fr. H. Rehwinkel.	William T. Walker.	O. A B. Senter.
1888	William T. Walker.	Henry Perkins.	William B. Melish.
1889	Henry Perkins.	William B. Melish.	Huntington Brown.

Year	Grand Captain General.	Grand Prelate.	Grand Senior Warden.
1843	*Jonathan N. Burr.	*John Barney.	*John Evans.
1844	*Isaac Davis	*Robert Punshon.	*Leander Ransom.
1845	*John W. Milligan	*James T. Donahoo.	*Isaac Davis.
1846	*Isaac C. Copelen.	*William P. Strickland.	*Isaac Davis.
1847	*F. M. Keith.	*William H. Raper.	*Isaac Davis.
1848	*William B. Thrall.	*James T. Donahoo.	*George L. Smith.
1849	*Kent Jarvis.	*James T. Donahoo.	*Platt Benedict.
1850	*Edwin Smith.	*James T. Donahoo.	*Robert H. Cotton.
1851	*Jonathan N. Burr.	*James T. Donahoo.	*John W. Milligan.
1852	*William B. Dodds.	*Erastus Burr.	*John H. Achey.
1853	*John H. Achey.	*Robert H. Sedwick.	*Pliny M. Crume.
1854	*R. W. Denning.	*Robert H. Sedwick.	*Gotlieb Steinman.
1855	*Platt Benedict.	*Robert H. Sedwick.	*F. J. Phillips.

* Deceased. † Expelled.

ANNALS OF THE GRAND COMMANDERY—CONTINUED.

Year	Grand Captain General.	Grand Prelate.	Grand Senior Warden.
1856	Richard Creighton.	*Robert H. Sedwick.	*F. J. Phillips.
1857	*Jonas Ward.	*Zacariah Connell.	Charles C. Kiefer.
1858	*Francis Cleveland.	*Zacariah Connell.	*George H. Burt.
1859	*George Webster.	*Zacariah Connell.	*George H. Burt.
1860	*George Webster.	*Samuel Marks.	*George H. Burt.
1861	Heman Ely.	*Henry B. Walbridge.	*Cornelius Moore.
1862	Heman Ely.	*Zacariah Connell.	*Cornelius Moore.
1863	Charles Brown.	*Zacariah Connell.	*Cornelius Moore.
1864	Edgar B. Hyde.	*Zacariah Connell.	Henry H. Waggoner.
1865	Edgar B. Hyde.	Erastus Burr.	Henry H. Waggoner.
1866	†William A. Hershiser.	*Henry B. Walbridge.	Joseph M. Stuart.
1867	Samuel P. Axtel.	*Richard Gray.	Joseph M. Stuart.
1868	Robert H. Lansing.	La Fayette Van Cleve.	Joseph M. Stuart.
1869	Robert H. Lansing.	La Fayette Van Cleve.	Joseph M. Stuart.
1870	Joseph M. Stuart.	La Fayette Van Cleve.	David Atwater.
1871	*Obadiah C. Maxwell.	La Fayette Van Cleve.	David Atwater.
1872	David Atwater.	La Fayette Van Cleve.	Lucien B. Curtis.
1873	David Atwater.	La Fayette Van Cleve.	Lucien B. Curtis.
1874	La Fayette Lyttle.	La Fayette Van Cleve.	Lucien B Curtis.
1875	La Fayette Lyttle.	La Fayette Van Cleve.	R. H. Lansing.
1876	La Fayette Lyttle.	La Fayette Van Cleve.	R. H. Lansing.
1877	James H. Cushing.	Fa Fayette Van Cleve.	Alex. F. Vanee, Jr.
1878	*Elijah H. Norton.	La Fayette Van Cleve.	Alex. F. Vanee, Jr.
1879	*Elijah H. Norton.	La Fayette Van Cleve.	Eli Fasold.
1880	*Elijah H. Norton.	La Fayette Van Cleve.	Eli Fasold.
1881	William T. Walker.	La Fayette Van Cleve.	†Charles E. Stanley.
1882	William T. Walker.	La Fayette Van Cleve.	†Charles E. Stanley.
1883	*Theodore F. Nieman.	La Fayette Van Cleve.	O. A. B. Senter.
1884	Orestes A. B. Senter.	La Fayette Van Cleve.	L. W. Buckmaster.
1885	Orestes A. B. Senter.	La Fayette Van Cleve.	L. W. Buckmaster.
1886	L. W. Buckmaster.	La Fayette Van Cleve.	Calvin Halladay.
1887	Henry Perkins.	La Fayette Van Cleve.	Calvin Halladay.
1888	Huntington Brown.	La Fayette Van Cleve.	Martin J. Houck.
1889	Martin J. Houck.	La Fayette Van Cleve.	Henry P. McIntosh.

Year	Grand Junior Warden.	Grand Treasurer.	Grand Recorder.
1843	*Kimball Porter.	*A. D. Bigelow.	*Benjamin F. Smith.
1844	*Kimball Porter.	*A. D. Bigelow.	*Benjamin F. Smith.
1845	*George L. Shinniek.	*A. D. Bigelow.	*Benjamin F. Smith.
1846	*Kent Jarvis.	*Timothy Griffith.	*Benjamin F. Smith.
1847	*Joseph Hildreth.	*Timothy Griffith.	*Benjamin F. Smith.
1848	*Daniel H. Wheeler.	*Timothy Griffith.	*Benjamin F. Smith.
1849	*Robert H. Cotton.	*Timothy Griffith.	*Benjamin F. Smith.
1850	*John M. Barrere.	*Leonidas Jewett.	*Benjamin F. Smith.
1851	*Kimball Porter.	*Leonidas Jewett.	John D. Caldwell.
1852	*D L. Woodbury.	*Leonidas Jewett.	John D. Caldwell.
1853	*Platt Benediet.	*Isaac C. Copelen.	John D. Caldwell.
1854	James W. Underhill.	*Isaac C. Copelen.	John D. Caldwell.
1855	G. W. Williams.	*Isaac C. Copelen.	John D. Caldwell
1856	*George D. Martin.	*Isaac C. Copelen.	John D. Caldwell.
1857	Samuel P. Axtel.	*Isaac C. Copelen.	John D. Caldwell.
1858	Samuel P. Axtel.	*Isaac C. Copelen.	John D. Caldwell.
1859	Charles C. Kiefer.	*Isaac C. Copelen.	John D. Caldwell.
1860	Samuel P. Axtel.	*Isaac C. Copelen.	John D. Caldwell.
1861	Samuel P. Axtel.	*Isaac C. Copelen.	John D. Caldwell.
1862	Samuel P. Axtel.	*Peter Thatcher.	John D. Caldwell.
1863	Samuel P. Axtel.	*Peter Thatcher.	John D. Caldwell.
1864	Samuel P. Axtel.	*Peter Thatcher.	John D. Caldwell.
1865	David Atwater.	*Peter Thatcher.	John D. Caldwell.
1866	Samuel P. Axtel.	*Peter Thatcher.	John D. Caldwell.
1867	Charles A. Woodward.	*Peter Thatcher.	John D. Caldwell.
1868	David Atwater.	*Peter Thatcher.	John D. Caldwell.
1869	David Atwater.	*Peter Thatcher.	John D. Caldwell.
1870	Robert Gwynn	*Peter Thatcher.	James Nesbitt.
1871	Lucien B. Curtis.	*Peter Thatcher.	James Nesbitt.
1872	Leander Burdick.	*Peter Thatcher.	James Nesbitt.

* Deceased. † Expelled.

ANNALS OF THE GRAND COMMANDERY — CONTINUED.

Year	Grand Junior Warden.	Grand Treasurer.	Grand Recorder.
1873	Brenton D. Babcock.	*Peter Thatcher.	James Nesbitt.
1874	*Justus S. Wilson.	*Peter Thatcher.	James Nesbitt.
1875	John R. Miner.	*Peter Thatcher.	James Nesbitt.
1876	John R. Miner.	*Peter Thatcher.	James Nesbitt.
1877	Eli Fasold.	*Peter Thatcher.	James Nesbitt.
1878	Eli Fasold.	*Peter Thatcher.	James Nesbitt.
1879	Foster V. Follett.	*Peter Thatcher.	James Nesbitt.
1880	Foster V. Follett.	J. Burton Parsons.	James Nesbitt.
1881	*Theo. F. Nieman.	J. Burton Parsons.	James Nesbitt.
1832	*Theo. F. Nieman.	J. Burton Parsons.	James Nesbitt.
1883	L. W. Buckmaster.	J. Burton Parsons.	James Nesbitt.
1884	Calvin Halladay.	J. Burton Parsons.	James Nesbitt.
1885	Calvin Halladay.	J. Burton Parsons.	James Nesbitt.
1886	Huntington Brown.	J. Burton Parsons.	John N. Bell.
1887	Huntington Brown.	J. Burton Parsons.	John N. Bell.
1888	Elisha M. Colver.	J. Burton Parsons.	John N. Bell.
1889	William M. Meek.	J. Burton Parsons.	John N. Bell.

Year	Gr. Standard Bearer.	Gr. Sword Bearer.	Grand Warder.	Gr. Capt. Guard.
1843	*Bela Latham.	*Ezra Griswold.	*J. P. Worstell.	
1844	*Bela Latham.	*Absalom Death.	*J. P. Worstell.	
1845	*Isaac C. Copelen.	*John Whipple.	*Kimball Porter.	
1846	*William B. Dodds.	*John Meredith.	*Kimball Porter.	
1847	*Kimball Porter.	*George L. Shinnick.	*John Evans.	
1843	*Thomas Orr.	*Jedediah Banks.	*Josiah Roop.	
1849	*John H. Achey.	*Isaac T. Martin.	*George L. Shinnick.	
1850	*John Redman.	*James Salter,	*William H. Burke.	
1851	*John H. Achey.	*John Redmond.	*F. K. Hulburd.	
1852	Gilbert D Palmer.	*Platt Benedict.	*F. K. Hulburd.	
1853	*Francis Cleveland.	H. J. Hukill.	*George W. True.	
1854	*A. C. Davis.	H. J. Hukill.	*W. H. Beaumont.	
1855	*George D. Martin.	C. C. Kiefer.	*Jonas Ward.	
1856	*Francis Cleveland.	Mark Loudan.	*Jonas Ward.	
1857	*James Gates	*George H. Burt.	H. H. Waggoner.	
1858	*George Webster.	*Joseph M. Dana.	*Thomas Sparrow.	
1859	H. H. Waggoner.	*Joseph M. Dana.	Samuel P. Axtel.	
1860	H. H. Waggoner.	David Atwater.	Joseph M. Stuart.	
1861	H. H. Waggoner.	David Atwater.	Joseph M. Stuart.	
1862	H. H. Waggoner.	Jas. W. Underhill.	Joseph M. Stuart.	*Jos. B. Covert.
1863	H. H. Waggoner.	Eli Bond.	Edgar B. Hyde.	*Jos. B. Covert.
1864	Stith M. Sullivan.	Richard Creighton.	Joseph M. Stuart.	*Jos. B. Covert.
1865	Stith M. Sullivan.	*Edgar A. Hopkins	Joseph M. Stuart.	*Jos. B. Covert.
1866	Stith M. Sullivan.	David Atwater.	Leander Burdick.	*Jos. B. Covert.
1867	Stith M. Sullivan.	David Atwater.	†Moses P. Smith.	*Jos. B. Covert.
1868	D. C. P. Terrell.	Louis H. Pike.	Lucien B. Curtis.	*Jos. B. Covert.
1869	Lucien B. Curtis.	David K. Boyer.	Leander Burdick.	*Jos. B. Covert.
1870	Lucien B. Curtis.	Stith M. Sullivan.	Leander Burdick.	*Jos. B. Covert.
1871	Leander Burdick.	*E. T. Ellsworth.	Jos. F. Culbertson.	Jacob Randall.
1872	*Justus S. Wilson.	B. D. Babcock.	Jos. F. Culbertson.	Jacob Randall.
1873	*Justus S. Wilson.	Jos. F. Culbertson.	John H. Johnson.	Jacob Randall.
1874	Jos. F. Culbertson.	Wm. L. Buechner.	John R. Drake.	Jacob Randall.
1875	Jos. F. Culbertson.	Wm. L. Buechner.	W. A. Ward.	Jacob Randall.
1876	Jos. F. Culbertson.	Wm. L. Buechner.	W. A. Ward.	Jacob Randall.
1877	*H. E. O'Hagan.	W. A. Ward.	J. C. Gillespie.	Jacob Randall.
1878	*H. E. O'Hagan.	W. A. Ward.	J. C. Gillespie.	Jacob Randall.
1879	*H. E. O'Hagan.	W. A. Ward.	J. C. Gillespie.	Jacob Randall.
1890	*H. E. O'Hagan.	W. A. Ward.	J. C. Gillespie.	Jacob Randall.
1881	*H. E. O'Hagan.	O. A. B. Senter.	J C. Gillespie.	Jacob Randall.
1882	*H. E. O'Hagan.	O. A. B. Senter.	L. W. Buckmaster.	Jacob Randall.
1883	James C. Gillespie.	A. E. Keyes.	R. P. Marvin, Jr.	Jacob Randall.
1884	James C. Gillespie.	Huntington Brown.	Henry Perkins.	Jacob Randall.
1885	Huntington Brown.	Henry Perkins.	William B. Melish.	Jacob Randall.
1886	Henry Perkins.	William B. Melish.	William M. Meek.	Jacob Randall.
1887	William B. Melish.	William M. Meek.	E. M. Colver.	Jacob Randall.
1888	William M. Meek.	G. H. Robinson.	William S. Hufford.	Jacob Randall.
1889	John A. Warner.	William S. Hufford.	John P. McCune.	Jacob Randall.

* Deceased. † Expelled.

PERMANENT MEMBERS

OF THE

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Heman Ely.....Elyria.
Enoch T. Carson.....Cincinnati.
Charles C. Kiefer .....Urbana.
Brenton D. Babcock .....Cleveland.
J. Kelly O'Neall.....Lebanon.
Henry H. Tatem.....Cincinnati.
Alex. F. Vance, Jr.....Urbana.
Eli Fasold.....Dayton.
La Fayette Lyttle.....Toledo.
William T. Walker.....Toledo.

PAST DEPUTY GRAND COMMANDERS.

Charles Brown.....Cincinnati.
Oliver E. Davis.....Lancaster.

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James W. Underhill.....Canton.
Charles A. Woodward.....Cleveland.
Joseph M. Stuart.....Columbus.
John W. Lewis.....Lancaster.
Orestes A. B. Senter.....Columbus.

PAST GRAND CAPTAINS GENERAL.

Robert H. Lansing.....Chillicothe.
David Atwater.....Massillon.
James H. Cushing.....Marion.
Lloyd W. Buckmaster.....Washington C. H.

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Mt. Vernon No. 1.

Ammel, C. S.
Arnett, J. T.
Hotchkiss, S. M.
Harris, John T.
King, R. T.
Morrell, Edward.
O'Hara, W. O.
McCune, Jno. P.
Phares, William S.
Rees, B. F.
Rickly, R. R.
Stuart, J. M.
Senter, O. A. B.

Lancaster No. 2

Beck, George W.
Davis, O. E.
Lewis, J. W.
Matthews, C. W.
Palmeter, P. M.
Reeves, John G.
Richards, C. B.
Sites, J. S.
Whiley, F. C.

Cincinnati No. 3.

Bromwell, J. H.
Carson, E. T.
Eudaly, Wm. A.
Goodale, L. C.
Otte, Wm. C.
Runnells, E. S.
Sands, S. P.
Slattery, John A.
Stanton, H. L.
Tatem, H. H.
Whitaker, E. S.
Wiltsee, W. P.
Woodward, W. H.

Massillon No. 4.

Atwater, David
Brown, Frank A.
Bowman, S. C.
Barrett, Geo. W.
Peacock, James

Clinton No. 5.

Baldwin, Wm. F.
Cassill, Alex.

Reed No. 6.

Bates, Wm. L.
Bell, John N.
Chamberlain, Chas. W.
Davis, Benjamin N.
Fasold, Eli
Houck, Martin J.
Hyers, Wm. H.
Harman, G. B.
Kiefer, Charles C.
Roberts, Geo. J.

Toledo No. 7.

Burdick, Leander
Haynes, Harry
Hull, Geo. B.
Lyttle, La Fayette
Smith, Barton
Terry, T. B.
Walker, Wm. T.

Chillicothe No. 8.

DeWeese, F. M.
Evans, Wm. E.
Ireland, A. C.
Lansing, R. H.
Lord, Isaiah
Mills, W. B.
Wayland, Wm. A.

DeMolay No. 9.

Brown, G. K.
Chamberlin, John W.
Davis, Charles E.
Martin, Chas.
Park, C. C.
Robbins, T. H.

STEUBENVILLE No. 11.

Cook, John M.
Campbell, S. B.
Stanton, William H.
Whitaker, George L.
White, Ross

ORIENTAL No. 12.

Adams, George H.
Babcock, B. D.
Booth, Joshua M.
Ely, Heman
Griswold, E. R.
Gibbons, John W.
Page, E. D.
Robinson, G. H.
Woodward, Charles A.

CALVARY No. 13.

Connolley, W. A.
Johnson, J. H.
Silcox, Wm. C.
Warner, John A.

SHAWNEE No. 14.

Boone, W. K.
Halladay, C.
Overmyer, Geo. W.
Smith, A. N.
Reichelderfer, L.
Wykoff, G.

ATHENS No. 15.

Boden, John
Dana, John P.
Grosvenor, C. H.
Goodspeed, Joseph M.

HANSELMANN No. 16.

Barnwell, Wm. E.
Champlin, John M.
Foote, Joseph W.
Harris, L. C.
Peaslee, John B.
Robson, Charles
Threlkeld, H. C.
White, A. J.

COLEMAN No. 17.

Albaugh, N. H.
Arnold, Aaron W.
Coleman, Horace
McKinney, A. L.
Nesbitt, James,
Riley, Charles T.
Wright, Thomas M.

NORWALK No. 18.

Flynn, Chester W.
Laylin, L. C.
Lamkin, George
Mack, William A.
Merry, Charles L.
Mitchell, Henry S.
Nelson, S. F.
Peters, William H.
Suhr, William,
Williams, O. W.

RAPER No. 19.

Hitt, George W.
Jamieson, Charles T.
Lawrence, William
Morgan, M. E.
Todd, D. W.
Vance, A. F., Jr.

ST. JOHNS No. 20.

Beuchner, William L.
Booth, Lloyd
Morris, Evan
Simpkins, David N.
Wilson, Robert
Wilson, E. M.

MANSFIELD No. 21.

Brown, J. E.
Bird, S. E.
Brown, Huntington
Hays, O. L.
Holmes, J. W.
Keyes, A. E.
May, Manuel
Ogden, David

MIAMI No. 22.

Drake, John R.
Hardy, Thomas
Hufford, W. S.
McKinney, Wm. H.
O'Neall, J. Kelly
O'Neall, Jos. W.
Shawhan, Joseph W.

ERIE No. 23.

Colver, E. M.
Gillard, Edwin
Lea, L. M.
Moore, Neil H.
Williams, T. L.

OHIO VALLEY No. 24.

Bradbury, J. P.
Cooper, L. O.
Downie, William L.
Daniels, H. G.
Lee, L. H.

AKRON No. 25.

Collins, Charles A.
Crumrine, M. H.
Farrar, C. S.
Hays, Joseph
Marvin, R. P., Jr.
Perkins, Henry
Sheldon, Chas. E.
Thomas, David W.

HOPE No. 26.

Alexander, Ross J.
Bailey, F. D.
Baggs, A. J.
Baumgarner, H. R.
Carroll, Chandler W.

CACHE No. 27.

Dickinson, Geo. W.
Fifield, A. K.
Holliday, S. V.
Pelton, C. W.
Ward, W. A.

GARFIELD No. 28.

Buckmaster, L. W.
Clark, J. M.
Gardner, Mills
Howe, Al. O.
Light, E. J.
Milliken, R.
McElwain, Thos. D.
Snyder, C. S.

EAGLE No. 29.

Bosworth, Perry
Paige, Robert K.
Spencer, J. W.
Taylor, William E.
Wasson, William E.

DEFIANCE No. 30.

Brown, Frank G.
Beckel, George W.
Greene, James J.
Ralston, Joseph
Scott, John L.

HIGHLAND No. 31.

Barrere, Geo. W.
Callahan, J. R.
Carson, E.
Meek, W. M.

HOLYROOD No. 32.

Baker, George A.
Bishop, H. A.
Briggs, Sam.
Hossack, James
Hubbard, H. W.
McIntosh, H. P.
Possons, N. S.
Page, E. W.

PALESTINE No. 33.

Gwyn, Edward C.
Harford, Edward
Keyser, Harry C.
Lafferty, S. J.
Parsons, John W.
Vinal, Harvey
Williams, Orson B.

ST. LUKES No. 34.

Cunningham, Wm. M.
Clark, W. M.
Jones, Thos. M.
Williams, S. S.
Winegarner, D. C.

SCIOTO No. 35.

Bostwick, B. H.
Courtright, Samuel W.
Courtright, John,
Evans, Samuel B.
Grigsby, S. L.
Moore, B. H.

MARION No. 36.

Eckhart, Wm. H.
Fisher, Timothy B.
Jacoby, James
Moore, Sidney
McNeal, J. F.
Saiter, F. R.

WILMINGTON, No. 37.

Higgins, M. R.
Haines, A. H.
Savage, W. W.

CANTON No. 38.

Erdman, H. L.
Garrigues, Charles H.
Lawrence, G. W.
Underhill, J. W.
Wise, Henry A.

WARREN No. 39.

Baldwin, James G.
Bartlett, S. F.

FOREST CITY, No. 40.

Denison, L. T.
Pelton, F. W.

HAMILTON No. 41.

Andrews, Allen
Rathbone, E. G.

SALEM No. 42.

Hampson, R. V.

THE ROSE No. 43.

Hard, M. E.
Hebard, David B.

TRINITY No. 44.

Avery, Wm. R.
Collins, James A.
Gwynn, Robert
Melish, T. J.
Melish, Wm. B.
Michie, Wm.
McMiller, George B.

SIDNEY No. 46.

Stipp, Jos. A.

CAMBRIDGE No. 47.

Cochran, A. C.

Grand Representatives

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Connecticut	Sir Brenton D. Babcock	Cleveland.
Dakota	Sir S. Stacker Williams	Newark.
Georgia	Sir James W. Underhill	Canton.
Illinois	Sir Gabriel B. Harman	Dayton.
Indiana	Sir M. J. Houck	Dayton.
Kansas	Sir Robert V. Hampson	Salem.
Kentucky	Sir Jacob H. Bromwell	Cincinnati.
Louisiana	Sir Enoch T. Carson	Cincinnati.
Maine	Sir Isaiah Lord	Chillicothe.
Maryland	Sir Robert Gwynn	Cincinnati.
Massachusetts and R. I.	Sir John W. Chamberlin	Tiffin.
Minnesota	Sir John D. Caldwell	Cincinnati.
Mississippi	Sir William L. Buechner	Youngstown.
Missouri	Sir James Nesbitt	Troy.
Nebraska	Sir Eli Fasold	Dayton.
New Hampshire	Sir A. F. Vance, Jr.	Urbana.
New Jersey	Sir Leander Burdick	Toledo.
New York	Sir La Fayette Lyttle	Toledo.
North Carolina	Sir ——— ———	.....
Oregon	Sir Gibson H. Robinson	Cleveland.
Pennsylvania	Sir ——— ———	.....
Tennessee	Sir Henry H. Tatem	Cincinnati.
Texas	Sir S. Stacker Williams	Newark.
Vermont	Sir Samuel Briggs	Cleveland.
Virginia	Sir Barton Smith	Toledo.
Wisconsin	Sir William M. Meek	Hillsboro.
Wyoming	Sir William F. Baldwin	Mt. Vernon.
Washington	Sir E. W. Page	Cleveland.
West Virginia	Sir ——— ———	.....

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GRAND COMMANDERIES.	REPRESENTATIVES.	ADDRESS.
Arkansas	Sir O. C. Gray	Fayetteville.
Alabama	Sir Henry T. Goodloe	Mobile.
California	Sir Thos. Hubbard Caswell	San Francisco.
Colorado	Sir William D. Todd	Denver.
Connecticut	Sir Joel R. Holcomb	Hartford.
Dakota	Sir Joseph A. Colcord	Fargo.
Georgia	Sir Charles E. Coffin	Augusta.
Illinois	Sir Eugene B. Meyers	Chicago.
Indiana	Sir Robert C. Bell	Fort Wayne.
Kansas	Sir Robert E. Torrington	Emporia.
Kentucky	Sir W. LaRue Thomas	Danville.
Louisiana	Sir W. T. D. Dalzell	Shreveport.
Maine	Sir Horace H. Burbank	Saco.
Maryland	Sir John A. Lynch	Frederick City.
Massachusetts and R. I.	Sir Caleb Saunders	Lawrence.
Minnesota	Sir J. C. Terry	St Paul.
Mississippi	Sir Charles M. Erwin	Winona.
Missouri	Sir John F. Phillips	Sedalia.
Nebraska	Sir Charles F. Goodman	Omaha.
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New Jersey	Sir Edward Clift	Bordentown.
New Hampshire	Sir Charles E. Sawyer	Dover.
North Carolina	Sir E. Grissom	Raleigh.
Oregon	Sir J. C. Fullerton	Roseburg.
Pennsylvania	Sir Edwin G. Martin	Allentown.
Tennessee	Sir Geo. Cooper Connor	Chattanooga.
Texas	Sir Charles Davis	El Paso.
Vermont	Sir George Otis Tyler	Burlington.
Virginia	Sir J. Howard Wayt	Stanton.
West Virginia	Sir Frank Rex	Parkersburg.
Wisconsin	Sir Melvin L. Youngs	Milwaukee.
Wyoming	Sir Otto Gramm	Laramie.
Washington	Sir Harrison W. Egan	Walla Walla.

ADDRESS OF GRAND COMMANDERS AND GRAND RECORDERS.

State.	Date of Organization.	Grand Commander.	Grand Recorder.
Alabama	November 29, 1860	H. C. Davidson, Montgomery	E. R. Hastings, Montgomery.
Arkansas	March 23, 1872	Logan H. Roots, Little Rock	James A. Henry, Little Rock.
California	August 10, 1858	S. H. Wagener, San Jose	Thomas H. Caswell, San Francisco.
Canada	October 9, 1855	W. B. J. McLeod Moore, G. C. T., Prescott, On.	Daniel Spry, Barrie, Ont.
Colorado	March 14, 1876	James H. Peabody, Canon City	Ed. C. Parmalee, Pueblo.
Connecticut	September 13, 1827	Fred A. Spencer, Waterbury	Joseph K. Wheeler, Hartford.
Dakota	May 14, 1884	William D. Stites, Sioux Falls	Bruce M. Rowley, Huron.
England and Wales		Earl of Lathom, Great Prior	W. Tinkler, 3 & 4 Lincoln Inn Fields, Lond'n.
Georgia	April 25, 1860	Azariah G. Howard, Atlanta	Samuel P. Hamilton, Savannah.
Illinois	October 27, 1857	Norman T. Gassette, Chicago	Gil. W. Barnard, Chicago.
Indiana	May 16, 1854	Duncan T. Bacon, Indianapolis	William H. Smythe, Indianapolis.
Iowa	June 16, 1864	Clark Varnum, Newton	Alf. Wingate, Des Moines.
Kansas	December 29, 1868	Charles M. Hunt, Lawrence	John H. Brown, Kansas City.
Kentucky	October 5, 1847	John G. Montgomery, Cynthiana	L. D. Croninger, Covington.
Louisiana	February 12, 1864	David R. Graham, New Orleans	R. Lambert, P. O. Box 81, N. O.
Maine	May 5, 1852	Joseph A. Locke, Portland	Ira Berry, Portland.
Maryland	January 23, 1871	Charles McDonald, Baltimore	John H. Miller, Baltimore.
Mass. and Rhode Island	May 6, 1805	Edward L. Freeman, Central Falls, R. I.	Afred F. Chapman, Boston.
Michigan	January 15, 1857	John A. Gerow, Marshall	Wm. P. Innes, Grand Rapids.
Minnesota	October 25, 1865	Walter H. Sanborn, St. Paul	A. T. C. Pierson, St. Paul.
Mississippi	January 21, 1857	Frederick Speed, Vicksburg	James L. Power, Jackson.
Missouri	May 22, 1860	Robert McCullough, St. Louis	W. H. Mayo, St. Louis.
Montana	May 14, 1888	Andrew J. Fisk, Helena	Cornelius Hedges, Helena.
Nebraska	December 28, 1871	Henry Gibbons, Kearney	Wm. R. Bowen, Omaha.
New Hampshire	June 12, 1860	Edward R. Kent, Lancaster	George P. Cleaves, Concord.
New Jersey	February 14, 1860	Albert D. Winfield, Paterson	Charles Bechtel, Trenton.
New York	June 18, 1814	Austin C. Wood, Syracuse	R. Macoy, 7 Murray st , New York.
North Carolina	May 11, 1881	John A. Porter, Asheville	H. H. Munson, Wilmington.
Ohio	October 12, 1843	Henry Perkins, Akron	John N. Bell, Dayton.
Oregon	February 10, 1887	Christopher Taylor, Dayton	Frelon J. Babcock, Salem.
Pennsylvania	April 14, 1844	Torrence C. Hipple, Lock Haven	Charles E. Meyer, Philadelphia.
Tennessee	October 24, 1859	William C. Smith, Nashville	G. C. Connor, Chattanooga.
Texas	January 19, 1855	John Martin, Paris	Robert Brewster, Houston.
Vermont	January 17, 1831	Delos M. Bacon, St. Johnsbury Centre	Warren G. Reynolds, Burlington.
Virginia	November 27, 1823	James Lee Beck, Lynchburg	William B. Isaacs, Richmond.
Washington	June 2, 1887	Elijah M. Beatty, Tacoma	Thomas M. Reed, Olympia.
West Virginia	February 25, 1874	W. G. Bennett, Weston	R. C. Dunnington, Fairmount.
Wisconsin	October 29, 1859	Chandler P. Chapman, Madison	J. W. Laflin, Milwaukee.
Wyoming	January 9, 1888	T. B. Hicks, Cheyenne	J. K. Jeffrey, Cheyenne.
Grand Encampment	June 22, 1816		William B. Isaacs, Richmond, Va.

OFFICERS

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OF THE UNITED STATES,

1886-1889.

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		Grand Prelate.
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HENRY B. STODDARD	Bryan, Texas	Grand Jr. Warden.
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W. B. ISAACS	Richmond, Va.	Grand Recorder.
JOHN R. PARSONS	St. Louis, Mo.	Grand Stan'd Bearer.
NICHOLAS VAN SLYCK	Providence, R. I.	Grand Sword Bearer.
NICHOLAS R. RUCKLE	Indianapolis, Ind.	Grand Warder.
EDWIN F. WARREN	Nebraska City, Neb.	Grand Capt. of Guard.

STATISTICS.

Reinstated, Dropped and Expelled.

REINSTATED.

1. Anderson, W. P.; Anderson, Jas.; Blount, E. J.; Brooks, D. W.; Beauman, J. B.; Byers, A. G.; Braily, A. S.; Cowell, W. H.; Clark, C. W.; Counts, Lewis; Elliott, C. E.; Elliott, J. M.; Hotchkiss, S. M.; Jewett, E. B.; Rorey, Jno. O.; Reed, B. F. Sprague, J. B.; Smith, D. G.; Toland, H.; West, E. E.

3. Thompson, Jno. A.; Wydman, Chas. D.

4. Botsford, Eli W.; Curran, Henry.

5. Mulvany, Oscar M.

6. Dunn, William; Shank, Elias.

7. Brown, Stillman; Cole, F. E.

9. Chadwick, Wm. H.; Shoemaker, Eleazer.

15. Cooke, E. P.; Cooley, Frank; Eysfenhardt, Paul; Marshal, T. P.; Primrose, I. P.; Pickering, B. W.; Stickney, Dean.

19. Kaufman, W. H.

22. Anshutz, Jno. W.; Budd, Jos. L.; Conden, Theo.; Hill, Alex W.; Lingo, Jno. W.; Miller, Thos. M.; Wright, Jno. M.

23. Walker, Samuel S.

24. McCowan, A. F.; Schriner, John.

28. Lindsay, T. J.

34. Dean, C. M.

38. Moss, Allen A.

DROPPED.

NON-PAYMENT OF DUES.

5. Tilton, Chas. H.
6. Angell, Albert E.; Evans, A. H.; Oldfather, Samuel; Shearer, C. C.; Wiggim, John.
9. Baldwin, Chas. H:
11. Briggs, H. W.; Bartels, O. B., Burchard, D. T.; Ball, Jas.; Campbell, S. B.; Curry, I. L.; Coulter, T. B.; Dysart, Jno. T.; Davis, John L.; Devinney, John H.; Hunt, C. S.; Johnson, Samuel; Johnson, A. B.; Koons, H. L.; Kirk, W. T.; Maley, Armstrong; McCollum, Wm.; Parish, E. A.; Riddle, J. F.; Sutherland, J. W.; Sutherland, L. W.; Spaulding, C. H.; Shiemeous, J. C.; Scotland, John; Smeth, Jno. Jr.; Willson, Jas. D.; Wilson, W. W.; Cheeks, A. M.; Nixon, John.
14. Binckley, J. W.; Brickbill, H. T.; Crabb, T. A.; Cresney, J. B.; Carr, L.; Fredericks, D. M.; Gilbert, E. W.; Long, C. L.; Lowry, J. E.; Meredith, L.; Rimer, J. W.; Schimpff, Chas.
16. Archer, C. C.; Autram, Harry A.; Benn, Geo.; Burroughs, O. F.; Broadwell, Harley; Cunningham, Albert J.; Dunham, F. W.; Games, Thos. M.; Hubbard, Wm. O.; Hunt, Jacob H.; Jewett, E. F.; Kendrick, John L.; Morris, Jos. A.; Moore, Aaron E.; Marsh, Byron F.; Nembach, Andrew; Pfaff, Wallace S.; Richards, Geo. E.; Smith, Robert H.; Sparks, Jos. C.; Williamson, P. H.; Walker, Geo. H.; Welles, Chas. S.
17. Gorsuch, Jonathan; Gideon, D. C.; Hall, J. M.; Ross, Robt.
18. Anderson, Harry; McIntyre, Major A.
20. Lewis, B. F.; Maurer, P. C.; McDonald, Angus; Wick, John D.
22. Ball, Wm. M.; Dill, William; Dunham, L. C.; Fitts, Thomas; Lavery, G. W.; Leever, Adam A.; Luigo, John W.; Shockey, John W.
24. Ashworth, R. H.; Carilton, Isaac; Graham, Ira; Pomeroy, R. A.; Reese, R. B.; Swift, Peleg; Spanool, John; Sibley, W. G.
25. Black, James; Garns, W. L.; Lindsay, R.; Marshall, D. M.; Sheldon, F. E.; Weeks, R. M.
26. Bolan, W. L.; Brokan, W. L.; Beall, M. E.; Crawford, H. M.; Clark, James; Fawcett, W. S; Grier, R. A.; Kennon, W. S.; Mills, F. R.; McDonald, J. E.; McConnaugh, Kirk; Pierson, M. E.; Wright, L. G.; Wright, Oliver; Zimmer, F. P.
29. Davidson, W. L.; Sanford, C. A.
32. Hobbs, J. T.; Van Epps, R. T.
37. Crawford, Geo. B.; North, Wm. N.

38. Cock, Henry.
39. Clark, C. A.
41. Bennett, N. R.; Brown, L. D.; Clements, J. W.; Harrison, Jas. S.; Sutphin, J. T.; Starr, D. J.
42. Grinn, Isaac.
44. Veazey, James N.

EXPELLED.

1. Crain, J. S.; Hurst, A. C.; Jones, F. G.; Prugh, A. A.; Thomas, M. M.
12. Stanley, Chas. E., P. G. C., (by chapter.)
16. Ackley, Irving A.; Bausemer, John C.; Bowers, Daniel E.; Dill, N. C.; Harris, Frank; Hill, Greer C.; Moore, J. D., (non-payment of dues.)
18. Baker, W. G.; Bostwick, C. R.; Furlong, Myron G.; Terry, Henry G.; Van Sciver, S. T. A., (by chapter.)
20. Church, F. J., (non-payment of dues); Price, Morgan T., (by lodge); Walker, Eli B., (unmasonic conduct.)
32. Wheaton, D. E.

Mortuary Roll.

1 Mt. Vernon	Smith, D. G	March 6, 1889.
	Teegarden, J. R	Mar. 25, 1889.
	Williard, Geo. W	May 11, 1889.
	Walker, Asa H	April 17, 1889.
2 Lancaster	Borneman, D. T	Mar. 23, 1889.
3 Cincinnati	Bogart, John H	June 13, 1889.
	Deremo, Charles	May 16, 1889.
	Erwin, J. H	April 17, 1889.
	Graham, R. M	Oct. 18, 1888.
	Hall, Joseph L	Mar. 10, 1889.
	Hopple, James C	Sept. 23, 1888.
4 Massillon	Ailes, James	July 26, 1888.
	Ault, John	Feb. 21, 1889.
	Buckins, Sylvanus	Dec. 13, 1888.
	Criswell, Wm. H	Aug. 2, 1888.
	Crawford, S. S	Jan. 29, 1889.
	Firestone, Leander	Nov. 9, 1888.
	Smith, Wallace M	June 19, 1889.
6 Reed	Chamberlin, Chas	Dec. 26, 1888.
	Dorr, Henry L	Nov. 24, 1888.
	Evans, Samuel T	Nov. 20, 1888
	Johnston, W. Scott	April 7, 1889.
7 Toledo	Baker, Ralph W	Aug. 19, 1888.
	Bloomfield, Isaac T	Aug. 30, 1888.
	Collins, Sanford L., P. D. G. C.,	Feb. 3, 1889.
	Galloway, Samuel	July 10, 1889.
	Newcomb, Alex. H., P. G. Master	Aug. 28, 1888.
8 Chillicothe	Rehwinkel, Fred. H., P. G. C.	June 8, 1889.
	Stevenson, Elijah	June 1, 1889.
9 De Molay	Umsted, E. C	June 15, 1889.
12 Oriental	Grout, W. H	Mar. 14, 1889.
	Lynch, Frank	Feb. 27, 1889.
	Wilson N. A	March 5, 1889.
	Wadsworth, G. H	June 29, 1889.
13 Calvary	James, P. S	April 8, 1889.

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14 Shawnee	Packmyer, W. H	Nov. 13, 1888.
	Selfridge, O. B. Sr	Dec. 23, 1888.
16 Hanselmann	Gobrecht, Christian A	Feb. 4, 1889.
	Hamilton, Robert	July 11, 1889.
	Nieman, Theodore F., P. G. C.	June 26, 1889.
	Underhill, Joshua W	Jan. 28, 1889.
17 Coleman	Fergus, J. S	Dec. 15, 1889.
18 Norwalk	Kellogg, Horace	Sept. 7, 1888.
19 Raper	Kaufman, Wm. H	July 7, 1889.
	Vance, A. F. Sr	Feb. 13, 1889.
	Wilson, Justus S., P. G. J. W.	Jan. 15, 1889.
20 St. Johns	Floor, F. V	Dec. 13, 1888.
	Horn, David	Jan. 28, 1889.
21 Mansfield	Ristine, George P	April 15, 1889.
22 Miami	Crispin, George W	July 9, 1889.
	Hart, James	Feb. 2, 1889.
23 Erie	Moon, Neil H	Sept. 1, 1888.
	Post, Lewis H. C	April 3, 1889.
24 Ohio Valley	Richards, L. M	Jan. 14, 1889.
25 Akron	Bassett, E. W	Aug. 17, 1888.
	Goodrich, B. F	Aug. 3, 1888.
	Upington, P	Mar. 30, 1889.
26 Hope	McClain, Arthur	Jan. 25, 1889.
32 Holyrood	McClasky, D	July 5, 1889.
	Nichols, E. A	April 17, 1889.
33 Palestine	Bauer, V	March 1, 1889.
	Coleman, J. Lamar	Dec. 12, 1888.
	Stewart, James E	Mar. 4, 1889.
	Uhl, S. Jerome	Nov. 23, 1888.
34 St. Lukes	Tubbs, W. R	Aug. 4, 1888.
36 Marion	Kirby, M. H	March 3, 1889.
38 Canton	Craig, Joseph	Nov. 21, 1888.
41 Hamilton	Brown, Jay H	April 22, 1889.
43 The Rose	Hannan, Arius T,	Nov. 28, 1888.
46 Sidney	Conklin, Henry S	July 19, 1889.

In Memoriam.
RT. EM. SIR
Carnot Courtland Mason,
GRAND COMMANDER
Knights Templars of California.
Died July 15, 1889,
with armor on, prepared for
Knightly deeds.

In Memoriam.
RT. EM. SIR
Frederick Henry Rehwinkel,
Past Grand Commander
KNIGHTS TEMPLARS OF OHIO.
Born June 15, 1825.
Died June 8, 1889.

In Memoriam.
SIR KNIGHT
Sanford L. Collins,
Past V. Em. Dep. Gr. Commander
KNIGHTS TEMPLARS OF OHIO.
Died February 3, 1889.

In Memoriam.
SIR KNIGHT
JONATHAN NASH BURR,
Past Grand Generalissimo,
KNIGHTS TEMPLARS OF OHIO.
Born November 15, 1800.
Died September 7, 1889.
"Full of years and honors."

In Memoriam.
SIR KNIGHT
Theodore Frederick Nieman,
Past Grand Generalissimo,
KNIGHTS TEMPLARS OF OHIO.
Born October 28. 1841.
Died June 26, 1889.

In Memoriam.
SIR KNIGHT
JUSTUS S. WILSON,
Past Grand Junior Warden
KNIGHTS TEMPLARS OF OHIO.
Died January 5, 1889.